THE WEATHER

Fair tonight; Saturday fair, probably followed by snow in the night; moderate variable winds becoming easterly Saturday.

THE LOWELL SUN

5 O'CLOCK

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Programs of the Catholic Church Choirs For Tomorrow

Christmas Day will be observed in all the Catholic churches tomorrow with services of surpassing beauty, grand music and eloquent sermons on a theme "ever ancient, ever new." Of the Christmas music Washington Irving long ago wrote: "The services of the church about this season are extremely tender and inspiring; they dwell on the beautiful story of the origin of our faith, and the pastoral scenes that accompanied its announcement; they gradually increase in fervor and pathos during the season of Advent, until they break forth in full jubilee on the morning that brought peace and good will to men. I do not know a grander effect of music on the moral feelings than to hear a full choir and the pealing organ performing a Christmas anthem in a cathedral filling every part of the vast pile with triumphant harmony."

The programs of the different churches are as follows:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass 11 O'clock

Processional, "There's a Song in the Air."
Carols—"Sleep, Holy Babe," "Dear Little One," "Adeste Fideles."
Introit—"Puer Natus" .....Capocci
Sanctuary Choir
Mass—"St. Philip Neri".....Sewell
Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei,
Church Choir
Graduale—"Viderunt Omnes,"
Falkenstein
Sanctuary Quartet
Offertory—"Tui sunt coeli,"
J. B. Tresch
Sanctuary Quartet
Motet—"Nato Nobis"...Van Reyschoot
Church Choir
Communion—"Viderunt" ..Falkenstein
Recessional—"Hark, the Herald Angels."
Sanctuary Choir
Responses by the Sanctuary Choir of 80 voices. Brother John, Director.
Church Quartet—Miss Alice Murphy, Soprano; Mrs. James Morris, Contralto; Mr. John McNabb, Tenor; Mr. D. S. O'Brien, Bass, assisted by Mr. Andrew McCarthy, Baritone, a chorus of 40 voices and Mr. M. J. Johnson at the organ.

Solem Vespers, 7 O'Clock

Processional: "There's a Song in the Air."
Carols:
"The Snow Lay on the Ground."
"Dear Little One."
"O Holy Night." Soprano solo, John Bolan. Violin Obligato, John Bardon.
Sanctuary Choir.
Psalms:
Dixit Dominus.
Confitebor.
Beatus vir.
De Profundis.
Memento Domine
(Plain Chant)
Sung antiphonally by Church and Sanctuary Choirs with antiphons by Church Quartet.
Hymn:
"Jesu Redemptor"....Donat Mueller
Church Choir.
"Magnificat." (Plain Chant).
"Alma Redemptoris".....Pleyel
Church Choir.
Benediction:
"O Salutaris".....C. Saint Saens
Mr. Andrew McCarthy.
"Tantum Ergo" ..... Bozaris Fills
Church Choir.
"Laudate Dominum."
Recessional: "Hark the Herald Angels"
Sanctuary Choir.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass 10.30 O'Clock

The sanctuary choir, under the direction of the Rev. John Burns, will assist the church choir at the solemn high mass at 10.30 o'clock and at the vespers in the evening. The following musical program has been arranged for both services:

Processional, March Pontificate, Gounod
Introit,
Sanctuary Choir
Kyrie ..... St. Philip Neri
Gloria ..... St. Philip Neri
Graduale,
Sanctuary Choir
Veni Creator, Quartet .....Atwood
Credo ..... St. Philip Neri
Offertory, Adeste Fidelis,
Sanctuary Choir
Sanctus ..... St. Philip Neri
Agnus Dei .....St. Philip Neri
Recessional, Nato Nobis.....Reyschoot

Vespers at 7 O'Clock

Organ Prelude ..... Dubois
Psalms ..... Gregorian
Magnificat ..... Gregorian
Sanctuary Choir
Christmas Hymns,
Sanctuary Choir
Alma Redemptoris .....Pleyel
O Salutaris ..... Wiegand
Tantum Ergo .....Falkenstein
Postlude, Organ .....L. Wely

The soloists will be Misses Mary Whiteley and Gertrude Keicher, sopranos; Misses Julia Kenney and Mary Duggan, altos; Messrs. James E. Donnelly and Frank Kane, baritones; Messrs. William Thornton and Edward Martin, basses; Messrs. C. F. Calnan and John F. Roane, tenors; Mr. J. W. McKennedy, organist and directress.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Walker, organist, will assist as usual at the Christmas services throughout the day begining with high mass at 6 a. m. At this service the music will include Kumin's mass in D; the motet, "Adeste Fidelis," soloist, Mr. Charles P. Smith and Robinson's "Christmas Morn." At 10.30 a. m. solemn high mass will be celebrated and the beautiful and brilliant Kalliwoda Mass in A will be sung by the great choir of seventy voices and the following quartet: Mrs. Sarah McCaffrey Cox, Miss Margaret Knowles, Mr. John J. Dalton and Mr. William L. Gookin. The solos of the inspiring offertory hymn, Van Reyschoot's "Noel" will be sung by Mrs. Eugene P. McOsker.

Vespers and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be solemnized at 6.30 p. m. The music for both services is elaborate. Among the noteworthy numbers are Emmerich's psalms; Mozart's Magnificat; the hymn, "Jesu Redemptor" by a male

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NO SUN TOMORROW

There will be no edition of The Sun published tomorrow.

Be a Brownie tonight, Associate.

DEATHS

MENARD—Mrs. Hilaire Menard died yesterday at her home, 154 Ford street, aged 44 years. She leaves her husband, her father, Paul Brunelle of Canada, three sisters, Mrs. C. Joly of Canada and Mrs. Joseph Vaillancourt and Mrs. Ulric Leblanc of Lowell, and three brothers, Joseph Brunelle of Canada, Pierre Brunelle of Northbridge, Mass., and Albert Brunelle of Lowell.

GRAHAM—Martin Graham, aged 6 years, died Thursday morning at the home of his parents, John and Ann Graham, 37 Andover street. The funeral took place in the afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. On account of the cause of death (membraneous croup) the funeral was strictly private. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery under the charge of Undertakers M. H. McDonough & Sons.

THATCHER—Mrs. Sarah Thatcher, aged 65 years, 10 months and 26 days, died yesterday afternoon at her residence, 90 South Whipple street. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. William H. Walton, Mrs. William Logan and Mrs. W. H. McQuaide; also two brothers in England, William H. Peel and Frederick G. Peel, and eight grandchildren.

Be a Brownie tonight, Associate.

Enjoy Your Christmas Dinner

And let Dyspepiets do the rest—in other words, eat freely without fear of distress, because Dyspepiets will quickly relieve sour stomach, heartburn, nausea, wind in the stomach, and any other disturbance from indigestion. They are agreeable and economical sugar-coated tablets, and always in great demand during the mince-pie and plum-pudding holidays. They aid digestion and give ease. 10c, 50c, or $1.

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HARRY W. J. HOWE

Removed From the Charity Board by the Mayor

HARRY W. J. HOWE.

JOHN McMANUS.

Constable John McManus Appointed to the Vacancy Qualified This Forenoon—Mr. Howe Had Recommended Improvements in Treatment of the Inmates

Charity Commissioner Harry W. J. Howe was removed by the mayor this forenoon. The mayor has appointed Constable John McManus to succeed Mr. Howe. Mr. McManus qualified for the position, in the city clerk's office, this forenoon.

Mr. Howe was appointed by the mayor and was the most active member of the board. He took a special interest in the city farm and paid almost daily visits to that institution. He reported on conditions there and suggested that improvements be made. He said that the inmates were underfed and not properly cared for as a whole. He reported the result of his investigations to the board, of which Mrs. Henry L. Tibbetts is chairman, and the recommendations that Mr. Howe made to the board for the better care of the inmates were consigned to the waste basket.

Mr. Howe's removal under the circumstances will bring no discredit upon him.

The mayor's letter to the city clerk, apprising that official of the removal of Mr. Howe and the appointment of Mr. McManus, reads as follows:

December 24, 1909.

Mr. Girard P. Dudman, City Clerk, Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir—I hereby notify you that I have this day removed Mr. Harry W. J. Howe as a member of the Lowell board of charities, said removal to take effect forthwith, and have appointed to succeed him, Mr. John McManus.

This I have done under authority vested in me by section 2 of chapter 237 of the acts of 1905.

Truly yours,

Geo. H. Brown.

Mr. McManus served on the board of overseers of the poor about four years ago. The board then was made up of one man from each ward, and Mr. McManus was from ward five.

JILTED THE WOMAN

After Getting Her Money and Her Rings

Malvina Hebert, a rather attractive young woman, appeared in police court this morning and during the course of her testimony against Adelard Brissette, whom she had arrested for the larceny of $157.35 in money and three rings valued at $15, told how after she had made all preparations for marriage with the defendant he jilted her, stole her money and then went to Canada.

Mrs. Hebert, she being a widow, testified that a year ago last October she was living in Hall street. She met Brissette and took a liking to him and he reciprocated. After knowing each other for a short time they decided to get married. She had three rings, one her wedding ring, a second being her mother's wedding ring and the third belonged to her father, who was dead. She had broken her wedding ring and decided to have it repaired and the other two rings which were too large for her she was going to have made smaller. She testified that she gave the three rings to the defendant to take to a jeweler's.

The following day she went to the Five Cent Savings bank and drew out $150. When she got home she put it in a pocketbook which previously contained $7.35. When Brissette got in an appearance she informed him that she had drawn the money from the bank and opening the pocketbook counted it out to him. She said that he said: "Let me take it until I show it to my mother." She agreed to go with him to his mother, but he said that he wanted to go alone and according to her testimony he took the pocketbook out of her hand and said he would be back at supper time.

She waited until the following Monday and when he did not put in an appearance she reported the matter to the police.

She said that she did not see Brissette from the time he left her house on Oct. 23, 1908, until during the early part of this week, when she saw him in the care in the court room.

Several witnesses corroborated in part the testimony offered by the complainant.

Supt. Redmond Welch told of a conversation he had with Brissette. Supt. Welch said: "Brissette told me that he got $8 from her to purchase some furniture and had every intention of getting married, even going as far as the clergyman's house. As he was about to enter the house he met a friend, who told him that Mrs. Hebert's husband had been found hanging in a cellar by Mrs Hebert and that the man was not dead when she found him. He said that that, together with the fact that Mrs. Hebert's husband had been dead but a month, caused him to change his mind.

Brissette, testifying in his own behalf, denied that he stole the amount of money mentioned in the complaint, and further denied that he had anything to do with the rings. He said that she gave him $8 to purchase furniture, that he bought the furniture, but later decided not to marry her and stayed around Lowell until he heard that the police were looking for him and then he went to Canada.

The court, after summing up the evidence in the case, found Brissette guilty and sentenced him to one year in the house of correction at Cambridge.

Probable Cause Found

Judge Hadley this morning found probable cause of guilt in the case of Paul R. Fiedler of Lawrence, charged with the larceny of a number of bottles of Gauvin's syrup and held him under $400 bonds for his appearance before the grand jury.

It is alleged that Fiedler and Routhier & Delisle, the latter being local druggists, made an arrangement whereby they were to exchange certain goods. It is further alleged that Fiedler gave the local druggists a substitute for Gauvin's syrup, and it was on this point that the charge was brought.

The case opened in police court several weeks ago and portions of three days were taken in hearing the testimony and arguments, after which Judge Hadley reserved his decision until this morning.

In speaking of his reason for finding probable cause Judge Hadley stated that the offense was one of large magnitude to the community especially when an effort is being made to better the pure food laws.

William J. Bradley of Lawrence appeared for the defendant, and the government was represented by Messrs. Wm. H. Bent and A. O. Hamel of this city.

Drunken Offenders

Adelaide Bickford, an elderly woman, was charged with drunkenness, found guilty and sentenced to one month in jail.

John Bryan, Austin Gilday, Moise Houde and John Donlon, charged with drunkenness, were each fined $6.

Ulric Paquette while in an intoxicated condition last night raised a disturbance. He was fined $5.

There were seven $2 drunks.

Got Drunk on Cider

George E. Barron, a resident of Tyngsboro, who has been in court on several occasions and given plenty of chances to reform and do better, was before the court again this morning. He pleaded guilty to drunkenness, but said he had no intention of getting drunk as all he took was some cider.

Barron said: "Mother and I had a few words over the cat and I went right out and started to drink cider. Just let me go back on the farm again and I will live a new life.

He was sentenced to six months in jail, the sentence was suspended and he was placed in the hands of the probation officer for one year.

Brownies, at Associate hall, tonight.

WARREN RIORDAN

To be Secretary to Mayor Meehan

John F. Meehan, mayor-elect today announced that he had named Warren P. Riordan as his private secretary. Mr. Riordan is a well known young resident of Lowell, having lived in Pawtucketville for a number of years. He is district manager of the Robert Appleton company of New York City, the well known publishers.

Sunlight, Prescott, Xmas, Gilmore's.

Christmas Tomorrow in the Electric Home

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BATTLE OF RAMA

Gen. Estrada Wiped Out Zelaya's Army of 3000

Hardest Fighting Ever Witnessed in South America — Bluefields Wild With Joy — Account of the Surrender

BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 24.—The details of the battle of Rama are now known. The victory of the insurgents was as complete as has been claimed by them. After two days of fighting the fiercest that Central America has seen, General Estrada on Tuesday wiped out the enemy. Of Zelaya's army of 3000 men but 500 escaped. The killed and wounded on both sides as before reported numbered 600 and 1000 of the government troops surrendered after a desperate resistance. Three Hotchkiss and four Maxim guns, 2000 rifles and a million rounds of ammunition were included in the booty. General Estrada professes to believe that his march to Managua will be unopposed.

Bluefields and the neighboring country are wild with joy. The victory is said to have won the very day scheduled for the inauguration of Dr. Madriz as president of Nicaragua in succession to Zelaya. Gen. Luis Mena is again here. His troops arrived on the scene of battle when victory was in the balance and turned the tide in favor of the insurgents. At the request of United States Consul Moffat, Commander Shipley of the United States cruiser Des Moines sent his hospital squad ashore, establishing an independent hospital where forty of the wounded are receiving care. The American medical men have been able to give their services to all who were in need of them. Six Americans participated in the battle, operating rapid fire guns. They escaped injury with the exception of one named Rashford who received three bullets in one leg. The prisoners include Gen. Gonzales and Gen. Castrillo. General Vasquez who was returning to Rama from Managua when hostilities began did not reach the scene during the fighting. He was a few miles distant when the government troops were routed and it is possible that some 44 men escaped with him.

After Zelaya's trenches had been shelled they were taken by assault. In the trenches were several women who preferred risking their lives in the conflict to starvation in camp. These women were armed with rifles and fought courageously. One of them was wounded and later brought to the hospital here. A large proportion of prisoners was found to be boys under sixteen years of age. They accepted defeat as though it were very welcome.

General Gonzales, the vanquished leader of the government troops, today shares the quarters of General Estrada and is eating the latter's rations with great relish and smoking insurgent cigarettes as though he enjoyed them. The second day's fighting began at 9 o'clock in the morning. The first day's conflict had driven the enemy back to the main fortifications at the village of Recreo, where for three weeks they had been stringing wire and digging trenches. The country in that vicinity has been partially cleared of underbrush but it remains like a jungle. The position of the government troops behind the embankments and barbed wire proved unexpectedly strong. However, the provisionals, who were lead by Generals Chamorro and Diaz, were not disheartened but commenced at once in a business-like way to storm the entrenchments of the government troops.

Zelaya's troops frequently left the trenches and advancing through the jungle met the insurgents in hand to hand conflict. These dashes were followed in each instance by a retreat to the trenches and a forward movement by the provincials who cut the wire entanglements with their hatchets. In these brushes many were killed or wounded.

General Chamorro, who looks like a typical North American regular trooper, fought with frenzied vigor, personally using a pistol and invariably killing his man outright. General Diaz, who is said to be proud of his Spanish blood, disdained as did Chamorro to take to cover. Diaz walked erect amid a hail of bullets directing the fire of his men who, however, he insisted should keep under cover whenever possible. When one soldier, enthused by the example of his commander, fought on his feet, Diaz turned his pistol upon the man and commanded him to get behind a stump. There was no farce about these skirmishes and the conduct of both leaders and men who knew for what they were fighting and that death for many was imminent, was worthy of the greatest admiration. Chamorro, who has been fighting for twenty years, is idolized by his men. He swore cheerfully when his troopers exposed themselves and good naturedly pushed them behind the cover of stumps and tangled underbrush. Chamorro was in active command of the battle, Estrada having merely laid out the general plans. As the evening approached and the enemy still resisted after repeated assaults the insurgents wavered from physical exhaustion but their courage never failed.

The generalship of Mena on Monday is generally praised and in fact but for his timely arrival it is quite possible that the outcome of the battle would have been wholly different. Indeed at one time the position of the insurgents was desperate. Chamorro and Diaz had moved on the main fortifications at Recreo and Tatumbla hill and Mena was under orders to cover the lines of retreat from Recreo. Mena had moved up the Rama river but his six hundred men were weak from the subsequent march and failed to effect the expected junction with the other armies of the insurgents when the assault began. They encountered roads knee deep with red clay and overgrown with tropical plants through which they cut a way with their machets but their progress was slow. Chamorro became uneasy and dispatched a messenger with this urgent command. "Come quickly or the day goes against us."

The day was going against the provisionals. The enemy fell on every side but Chamarro discerned that at best he was not holding his own and making no real gains. After dispatching a messenger to Mena he adopted the plan of repulsing the enemy when they left their trenches and assaulted without attempting a further advance. Mena realized the situation and instead of merely cutting off the possible retreat of the government troops pushed forward for an assault. He and his six hundred men got through the intervening two miles of brush by desperate efforts. General Chamorro had been fought to a standstill and his men were well nigh exhausted. Over the field telephone Commander-in-chief Estrada was informed that the situation was desperate and that while his army was not defeated, victory was not in sight. When the hour was darkest for the insurgents cheers were heard in the distance and presently General Mena and his scratched and bleeding men emerged from the jungle into the half-cleared plantation where the battle was being waged. Without stopping for orders and yelling at the top of their voices the reinforcing troops swept across the clearing to the rear of the enemy and charged the hill at a point where no machine guns had been placed. The movement of the men served as a signal for a general advance by three armies of the insurgents. At a critical moment the insurgents swept up the hill in the face of a furious fire. The defenders, depending on their rifles only, were unable to repulse the attack. Suddenly abandoning their trenches the government troops fell back from Mena's advance and charged the advancing armies under Chamorro and Diaz. Mena attacked Gonzales' rear. In ten minutes it was all over but in that time frightful execution was done. Scores were killed outright and the wounded covered the summit of the hill. Hundreds of the enemy threw down their arms and begged for quarters. General Gonzales saw he was whipped and to save the needless slaughter signalled that he surrendered. Nineteen hundred prisoners were taken.

Sunlight, Prescott, Xmas, Gilmore's.

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MYSTERIOUS AIRSHIP

In Nightly Flight Startles Many New England Cities

WORCESTER, Dec. 24.—That part of Worcester that did not see the "airship" high up above the clouds Wednesday evening saw it last night between 6 and 7.30 o'clock. So there should be no disappointed ones within the city or in the surrounding country, either, for the brilliant object at an excessive altitude remained around for observation long enough.

Just as reported Wednesday evening, it came from out of the dull, black east, or perhaps the southeast, last evening. It sped over the city but far aloft, so far aloft that it traversed a celestial track behind the clouds at times, and then "the searchlight" by which the reckless nocturnal aviator was finding his way was observed.

He was a playful aeronaut, this manipulator of the mysterious device which had conquered when others had failed. At times he turned his headlight full on until it looked like the powerful lamp of a motor car. The rays "cut the dusky pall of night," as the policeman on the corner said, as the human agent diverted the lamp from one direction to another.

Shafts of Light

The shafts of light shone down on streets, illuminated the waving flags upon the tall department store on Main street, made the polished window panes of the office buildings alive with a wierd, uncanny flame. The keen rays danced across the sky and "ever and anon," as the porter in a restaurant said, "ever and anon" they accomplished circles.

The young woman who sits up late serving doughnuts and coffee in the modest lunchroom was enthralled. Never in her life, said she—and she has lived some time, and most successfully—had she seen so entrancing a demonstration of the ingenuity of man in "rivaling the glorious orbs of night themselves."

So it went through the city from about 6 o'clock. Worcester was watching last evening in the ocular proof of the existence of Wallace E. Tillinghast's wonderful monoplane that can be raised to an altitude of 4000 feet and be hove to for repairs. Worcester would not let it escape last evening.

Many Scan the Heavens

People forgot their suppers in the keen contest for the honor of being the first to hail the appearance of the air machine which had been accredited to Mr. Tillinghast, although he was not seeking such generous acknowledgment of his efforts in emulation of the Wright brothers. They sat on their doorsteps and craned their necks as they scanned the heavens.

In the main thoroughfares people with bundles stood agape, and as they gazed skyward they forgot to board the street cars for which they had been waiting. Everywhere vertebrae were in danger of dislocation.

Finally the presence of the monarch of the heavenly heights was heralded from the northwest section of the city. The wise men there saw it first. Like a fire balloon, as large as a milk pail, it loomed up against the sky.

The standard of the lamp must have had a reflector, for it was turned to the east, west, north and south at various moments, and it shone with equal strength in every direction. The men in the quarters of chemical 3 rushed to the street and were lost in wonder.

Men and women poured from the clubrooms and women rushed from the houses to view this phenomenon. The streets were thronged.

Country Towns Report It

From there the news spread to all quarters of the city. Motormen stopped the street cars to take a long look at the wonderful light that must be controlled by human hand, said they. The street car men were sure the reflector was a more powerful one than the magnifying lamp carried on her forward dashboard. It was equal to the concentrated power of a dozen street car headlights, they exclaimed in admiration.

Wednesday night's sensation was nothing like that of last night. And everybody in the neighboring cities wanted to notify Worcester that the "airship" was abroad. Worcester, the supposed home of the audacious aviator, was warned from a score of sources to keep its eye on the bold navigator, who was playing with the people this way, directing the shafts of his "searchlight" in their eyes and parading his supremacy over all terrestrial magnetism.

Marlboro sent a hasty dispatch by wire that the ship had just left and was sailing toward Worcester. Look out!

Westboro said the air ship had just passed with a monster light right amidships. So high in the air was it, however, that it was impossible to discern the outline of the mammoth aeroplane, even with the strongest telescopes and field glasses.

Indicated by Telephone

Leominster had it "cutting athwart the azure sky," and Fitchburg, not less rhetorical, reported the monster lamp throwing its "clear, blinding yellow rays across the dome of inky blackness."

Then Maynard: "Like a pencil stream the waves of light broke through, over, beyond, under and up against the filmy splotches white, a dazzling play in cloudland."

It seemed as if anybody in and outside of Worcester who had a telephone or could reach one, was calling up somebody or other to apprise him of the great exploit of the mysterious one who as a navigator of the unknown regions above was exceeding even the most fanciful dreamers in the realism of his accomplishment, just as if Worcester did not know she was the home of an airship that was outdoing all that anyone ever believed would ever be imagined of such a vessel.

Moynihan Alone Fails

Now there was one man in Worcester Wednesday who ought to know all about that airship. High up in the tower of the fire headquarters wherein is located the fire alarm telegraph office, the operator on duty could "view the landscape o'er" in any and every direction with but successive turns of his head. He ought to know about this ship.

So the people that remembered this man in his eyrie rang him up by telephone. It happened that the first one to think of it was a fireman attached to chemical 3. He called and the alert Frank Moynihan, the night fire alarm operator, responded.

"Have you seen the airship, Frank?" asked the fireman.

"No," said Mr. Moynihan, "where is it?"

"Over to the southwest, going toward Springfield, and going like blue blazes."

Frank took a peek out of the window and, of course, he saw it. Then he went back to the telephone.

"I've seen it," said he. "Great, isn't it? It's Venus, you know: Venus, the planet. Have another look. It's great! Good night."

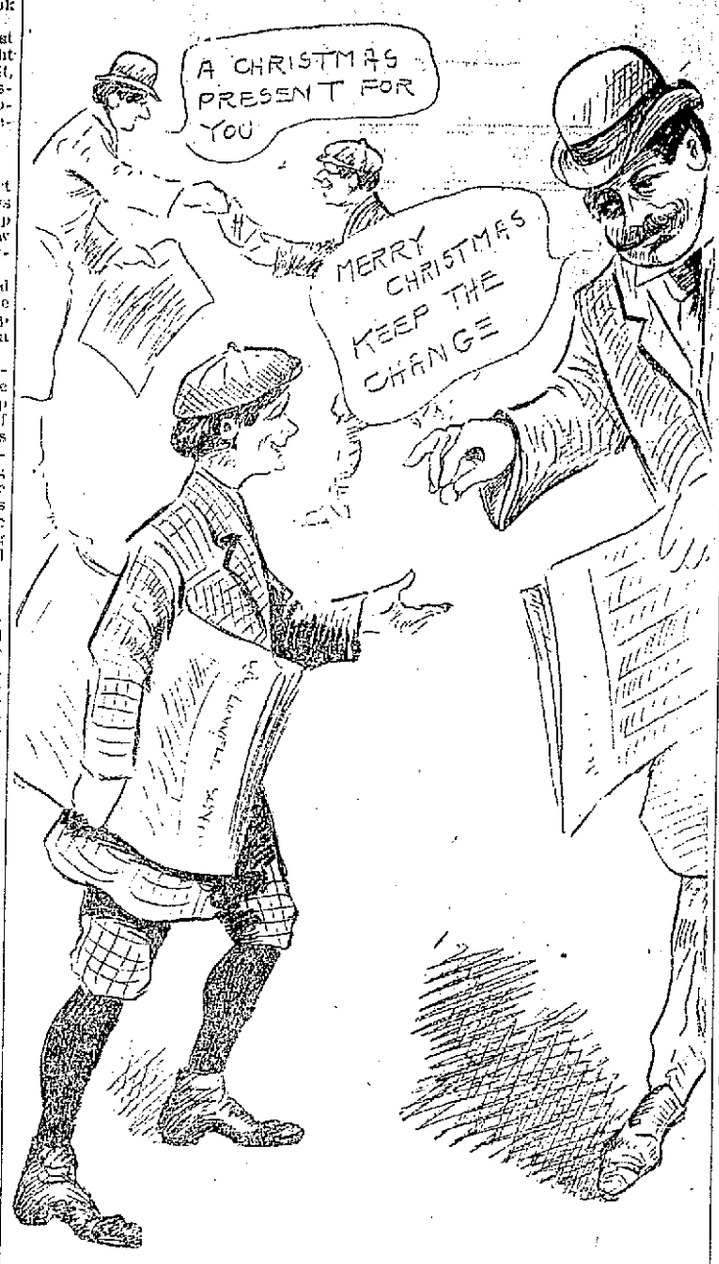
Firemen Say Its Venus

As Mr. Moynihan turned from the telephone to take another look at the brilliant Venus, then rapidly disappearing, he gazed down across the street, and into the building where Wallace E. Tillinghast has his office and drafting room, and there was Mr. Tillinghast hard at work over the drafting board in his office.

Mr. Tillinghast was not talking about his airship yesterday. He would not see anybody, not even an expert who came from New York to go over the details of his monoplane with him. He did not care if the eminent authority on aeronautics had journeyed from the gold fields of Alaska to see him. He was talking steam fitting yesterday, was his message, for that is his business.

"By and by, when I get ready, I will tell about my monoplane," said he. "I can carry three or four persons at 120 miles an hour and do all I have claimed for it."

Brownies, Associate hall, tonight.



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Last Day Before Xmas

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COACH STAGG

Speaks on the Football Rules

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Coach A. A. Stagg yesterday applied the knife to the forward pass in the cause of sane football. The university of Chicago mentor operated on the forward pass rules with a view of lessening the annual toll of football deaths and injuries and will present the results to the national experts at next Tuesday's meeting of the International Athletic Association in New York.

Coach Stagg's ideas for football revision follows:

"Not to allow pulling or pushing of the man carrying the ball in order to prevent mass plays and striking with the force of two or three men in a compact body.

"To remove the penalty for an incompleted forward pass on the first and second down. Let the ball be brought back to the point from which it was thrown without penalty, to encourage open and spectacular play.

"To put a penalty on a player crawling with the ball and to enforce the penalty for dropping on a man that is on the ground.

"To protect the receiver of forward passes and on-side kicks from hard body checking.

"To legislate as far as possible for the removal of players suffering from exhaustion by urging upon coaches and trainers to remove such men and by having a rule that a man who takes out time the second time shall be put out of the game.

"To limit the halves in high school, preparatory schools, and all untrained teams to no more than 25 minutes."

ARRESTED LEADING PRAYER

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—While leading a prayer meeting of several hundred persons and singing the hymn, "There Is Sunshine In My Heart To-day," Frank Albert was arrested and yesterday confessed the larceny of a $50 gold watch from the home of a woman at whose kitchen door he begged for food a few months ago.

From a tramp, Albert said he had become a missionary and for several weeks had been leading prayer meetings.

WOMAN AUTOIST

Was Shot by Robbers at Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 24.—Men armed with shotguns attempted to hold up an automobile filled with Atlantic City people near New Gretna and then fired a load of small shot which wounded Mrs. William E. Mathis. A score of shots entered Mrs. Mathis' face, but she is not dangerously wounded, although suffering severely from the shock of the attack.

Mrs. Mathis was in a touring car with Mrs. Thomas C. Tompkins and her son, both with Mr. Mathis, who was driving the machine on the highway between New York and this city.

The men stepped in front of the car just outside New Gretna about 10 miles from this city. Mathis saw them, and when he paid no attention saw one of the men raise a shotgun to his shoulder. Other members of the party besides Mrs. Mathis saw the threatening motion and dodged just as the supposed robber pulled the trigger.

The car was rushed to this city where surgeons removed the shot from Mrs. Mathis' face, and the detectives are searching for the men.

This is the trade-mark which is found on every bottle of the genuine

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the standard Cod Liver Oil preparation of the world. Nothing equals it to build up the weak and wasted bodies of young and old. All Druggists

Send 10c. name of paper and this ad. for our beautiful Savings Bank and Child's Sketch-Book. Each bank contains a Good Luck Penny. SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl St., N. Y.

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It makes an ideal Xmas Gift and can be used the year 'round.

Prices, $1 to $5

So simple, that a child, without experience, can operate one and obtain results from the start.

RING'S

110 Merrimack St.

SHERMAN LAW

Invoked Against Periodical Clearing House

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 24.—United States District Attorney Day yesterday called the attention of the department of justice to the periodical clearing house of New York to ascertain if it is violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

The clearing house is located at 156 Fifth avenue, New York. F. C. J. Tessare is the general manager.

The clearing house has had as members twenty-six popular publications, including Leslie's Weekly, Cosmopolitan, Everybody's, American, McClure's, Hampton's, Harper's Bazar, Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Review of Reviews, Current Literature, Scribner's, Good Housekeeping, Country Life, Judge Quarterly, Judge Library, Judge's Short Stories, Delineator, Designer, Motor and Garden, World's Work, Woman's Home Companion and Suburban Life.

W. H. Brett, public librarian, recently wrote to the Franklin Square Agency of New York for figures on $4500 worth of magazines for the Cleveland libraries for 1910. Brett asked for discount on account of the large size of the orders.

The Franklin Square Agency wrote back that no discount would be given and that the clearing house would prevent him from buying them anywhere at a lower price.

Brett then investigated the clearing house and it is alleged found circulars in which it is said business would be refused from any agent who cut prices. He says also that he discovered an agreement whereby agents promise to submit to a fine in case they sell under clearing house figures. Brett placed his evidence before United States District Attorney Day.

All new times, Prescott, Xmas.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Weather Will be Varied Over Country

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Christmas day weather will be varied, the country over. In the northwest there will be snow and nipping cold although there will be no extreme temperature. From the Mississippi river to the Rocky mountains snow will fall in the north and in the central portion there will be a combination of snow and rain that will quickly turn to slush.

In the south rains will dampen the Christmas enthusiasm. The same rains will probably sweep over the upper lake region, the Ohio valley and the east gulf states on Christmas.

In the Atlantic states the day will be cloudy but it is believed there will be no precipitation. The Pacific slope, according to the long distance view of the weather bureau, will be practically the only section of the country that will enjoy fair weather.

Kittredge's, Associate hall, tonight.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

Gilfride's MERRIMACK & PALMER STREETS

John S. Backman, Pres. John J. Burns, Sec. Matthew Scott, Treas.

Final Windup

Of the Great Christmas Business

Today we cut prices in two on TOYS, DOLLS and Games. Our stock is brand new, and it will pay you to come here if you intend to purchase anything in this line.

We Desire to Thank Our Patrons

FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AT OUR STORE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, AND

Wish Them All a Most Merry Christmas

EIGHT MEN DEAD

400 Others Had Narrow Escapes in An Explosion

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Eight men were killed and 400 others had narrow escapes in an explosion of gas in mine "A" of the Chicago & Cartersville Coal Co. at Herrin, Ill., late yesterday.

Open lamps, carried by employes, are believed to have caused the disaster. There were three men and a boy in this party and all are dead.

Within five minutes of the first explosion the miners in the vicinity were started toward the surface and on the return trips of the cages rescuers were lowered to where the catastrophe occurred.

The dead include:

W. T. PIERCE, mine engineer.

EUGENE BARRETT, assistant engineer.

THOMAS WILLIAMS, assistant manager.

James Guinney, superintendent of the mine, and Robert Hueston, manager, headed the first relay of rescuers. Despite the black damp which followed into the chambers adjoining those in which Pierce and his party were killed, these men went into the workings and recovered bodies of three miners.

The efforts to penetrate more deeply were repulsed by increasing banks of afterdamp and the rescuing party was forced to retreat, leaving the bodies of Pierce and several of his companions.

Fire also began to gain headway and it is expected that the bodies will be recovered today.

News of the disaster spread through Herrin and there was a rush of hysterical women and crying children to the shaft house.

Big hits from Elsie Janis and The Young Turk, Prescott, Xmas.

Kittredge's, Associate hall, tonight.

ECZEMA READILY CURED BY A SIMPLE HOME TREATMENT

A simple clean remedy that can be used in the home is what every person desires who is suffering from eczema. You can now have that remedy and get instant relief, and be cured permanently by ZEMO, a clean, vegetable liquid for external use. ZEMO cures skin diseases by drawing the germs and their poisons, that cause the disease, to the surface of the skin and destroying them, leaving the skin clean and healthy. A. W. Dows & Co., the druggists, will give you a booklet and a sample bottle of ZEMO and will explain to you how a great many cases of eczema and other forms of skin diseases have been cured by this simple home treatment. For sale by A. W. Dows & Co., leading druggists.

Lowell, Friday, Dec. 24, 1909

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Lowell's Biggest and Best Christmas Store

TIME'S UP

BE SURE you go to bed tonight with the contentment of having remembered everyone. Today will finish the greatest Christmas business ever experienced at any one store in this vicinity. And the finish will be as strong as the start here, for our stocks are standing the strain and although you come late there'll still be a good selection.

Remember that Red Cross Stamps are good on all bundles whether they go through the mail or not.

There Are Gift Things Here For Everybody

THE UNITED STATES

Gives Encouragement to Revolutionists in Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—After a peremptory warning to President Madriz that the United States will hold him personally responsible for the safety of Americans in the western part of Nicaragua, the state department last night gave more than moral encouragement to the revolutionists. Under orders from Secretary Knox, American red cross funds are to be expended in caring for the sick and wounded troops of both the Estrada and Zelayan armies, more than 2000 of whom are incapacitated in Bluefields.

This action by the United States is expected to be more efficacious than the despatch of a strong force. "Bread, instead of bullets," is the watchword of the state department and it is generally believed that the prospects of food and medical attention will win over more men from the government ranks than any other plan that could be adopted.

According to the latest reports, the medical corps of the various war vessels now at Bluefields has installed hospitals ashore, where scores are being cared for. The procession of sick and wounded men through the town is said to be pitiful, and although Estrada is doing everything in his power to relieve the suffering, his resources are meagre.

With a view to relieving the situation, Secretary Knox consulted with the American red cross last night, and immediately afterward dispatched the following to Thomas H. Moffett, United States consul at Bluefields:

"The American national red cross will telegraph you tomorrow, the 24th, five thousand dollars, and they will send another five thousand if needed. Navy department has instructed Capt. Shipley to land whatever supplies can be furnished from our ships now at Bluefields and orders will be given the Prairie, now at Colon, to transport immediately to Bluefields from the stores intended for the marines, or from the Panama canal commission department such supplies as you may ask for within the limit of five thousand dollars to be cabled you tomorrow. You will cooperate with Shipley in the distribution of supplies, payment for all of which, both those landed from ships at Bluefields and those sent from Colon will be recouped from red cross fund."

This telegram followed closely the receipt of a report from Consul Moffett depicting the state of affairs in Bluefields. His account of the suffering of the defeated Zelayan soldiers was brief but graphic. Incidentally, he reported that more than 900 men were killed on both sides in the recent battle at Rama. The dispatch follows:

"Two thousand starved, emaciated prisoners have been brought here from Zelaya's surrendered army. The sight of the sick and weary, tottering through the streets is horrible; half are mere boys. The emergency hospital established by the Des Moines and Tacoma contains ninety wounded, the city hospital sixty. Few of the surrendered army had shoes or blankets. Scores were almost naked, all are in a pitiable condition. Estrada is furnishing them with blankets, clothing, shoes and food as best he can. Flour, beans, rice, sugar, coffee and condensed milk are needed instantly to feed the starving Zelayan soldiers. Disease and death threatens unless they are properly given best of food and care.

"The great and sudden demand for proper clothing and food for the suffering is a problem for the provisional government whose resources are exhausted, their own men, numbering 3000 are well fed and clothed, but they cannot find means whereby to care for their increased burden.

"I have discussed the seriousness of the situation fully with Captain Shipley of the Des Moines and believe, and suggest that a ship should be sent to Colon immediately to bring here sufficient quantities of the provisions enumerated to feed 2000 men for thirty days. Present situation threatens starvation and disease. It is estimated now that over 900 were killed on both sides."

Orders were issued last night to the Prairie to be in readiness to sail at once from Colon with supplies. Up to a late hour no plans had been made for the landing of marines, although it is expected that a small shore guard may be utilized to mount watch over the American hospitals. This will not be done, however, unless the American naval commanders on the scene believe it necessary to preserve discipline in the vicinity of the hospitals and to safeguard the distribution of food and supplies when they come.

Coughing—No matter how bad the cough; Lung Kure can quickly cure it.

PHOENIX CLUB

HELD SECOND ANNUAL PARTY LAST EVENING

The Phoenix club held its second annual party in Prescott hall last evening with an attendance of about 300 young people. Kittredge's orchestra furnished music and preceded the dancing with a delightful concert program. A dainty souvenir dance order was given each guest. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight. The officers of the party were as follows:

General manager, William Connors; assistant general manager, Joseph Powers; floor director, Bernard Connors; assistant floor director, John Burgoyne; chief aid, Frank Murphy; treasurer, William F. Fox; aids, John Brady, Gus Moody, Frank Bamford, James McGuire, Fred Campbell, Hugh McNulty, Andrew Dwyer, Charles Sweeney, Harry Trickett, William Ferguson, Thomas Higgins, John Doolin, James McKinnon, Emma Clemont, Alice Clemont, Marietta Mooney, Alice Kelly, Grace Crawford, Evercida Webster, Bertha Trickett, Alice Kaler, Margaret Sheenan, Alice Donohoe, Kitty Loughlin, Nora Coughlin, Kittie Lynch, Mary Doherty, Bertha Clemont, Nora Boyle, Marion Fitzpatrick.

Every dance a hit, Prescott, Xmas.

SONG OF "DIXIE"

IS SAID TO BE THE MOST POPULAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—"Dixie" has finally been officially proclaimed as first in American songs and music in "patriotic popularity." Such is the verdict of O. G. T. Sonneck, chief of the division of music of the library of congress, who has just issued an exhaustive report on four famous American musical compositions.

"Yankee Doodle," he said, though no longer a national song, is still a national air and second only to "Dixie" in the popularity contest.

The origin and evolution of "Yankee Doodle," "Star Spangled Banner," "Hail Columbia" and "America," are treated in full detail in Mr. Sonneck's volume.

The history of "Yankee Doodle" is described as "a perfect maze of conflicting stories," and countless additions to and variations from the original.

As many as 14 variations of the "Star Spangled Banner" are noted, accompanied by a gradual process of polishing and modification.

The year in which "America" was first sung in public is given as 1832, but the exact place and date were not definitely ascertained.

"Hail Columbia" is strictly a product of the United States in both words and music, in contradistinction to "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner," both of which partly originated in England.

HOW TO CURE SKIN DISEASES

This is the question that has baffled the medical profession for centuries. A great many medicines have been exploited for the cure of skin diseases without much success. Most of these remedies were salves or greasy lotions. While they might give temporary relief they did not have the power to destroy the germ life that causes the disease. You can now obtain from A. W. Dows & Co., the druggists, a clean, vegetable liquid remedy for external use that will give prompt relief and permanently cure eczema and every form of skin or scalp diseases. This remedy, which is known as ZEMO, cures by drawing to the surface of the skin, and destroying the germ life that causes the disease. It can be used freely on infants. Mr. A. W. Dows says ZEMO gives the best satisfaction of any medicine he has ever sold for the treatment of all diseases of the skin or scalp.

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Mothers find Perry Davis' Painkiller invaluable in the nursery, and it should be kept at hand in case of accident. For pain in the breast take a little Painkiller in sweetened milk and water, bathing the breast in it clear at the same time. If the milk passages are clogged, from cold, or other causes, bathing in the Painkiller will give immediate relief. Ask for New 25c Bottle.

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Gray hair is an unnatural disfigurement, it is your duty to yourself and your friends to get rid of it as soon as possible. It is a serious injury to you in your social and business life.

Get rid of it, by all means, but don't try to do so by the use of dyes, whose effect is but temporary and unsatisfactory and which may permanently injure your hair.

Use Hay's Hair Health and look young. It isn't a dye—it won't injure your hair and nobody will know you are using it. It quickly and unfailingly restores the natural color and beauty of the hair—brings back its youth, luster, softness and brilliant luxuriance.

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Send 2c. for books "The Care of the Skin," "The Care of the Hair."

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ORDER OF OWLS

The second meeting of Lowell Nest of Owls will be held next Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, in Odd Fellows temple, 84 Middlesex street, at 2 o'clock sharp. The degree team will exemplify the work, a large class of candidates will be obligated. All who desire to go on the charter list must have their applications in at this meeting. The organizer will be at the temple from 11 to 2 o'clock for the purpose of receiving applications. A large delegation of visiting owls is expected from out of the city.

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"Three years ago small pimples appeared on both of my lower limbs. I scratched them until the blood would flow as from a wound. The itching would be more severe towards evening and at bed time. I went to one of the best doctors in my vicinity who gave me a prescription. This would stop the itching for a day or so but afterwards it would be still worse. After using several dollars' worth of this salve I tried several other remedies but to no avail. The neighbors advised using sulphur and lard but it was all fruitless.

"A few months afterwards I saw an advertisement in a newspaper of the Cuticura Remedies. I at once sent off for some Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Resolvent Pills, but thinking they would be no better than the other remedies. But to my surprise after the first order was used the scales disappeared and the itching ceased and after using another order of the Cuticura Remedies I was completely cured, after suffering for nearly two years. I shall be glad to write to any one who may be interested in my cure. Carl Haldeman, Marshall, Wis., October 25, 1908."

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THE "INS" AND "OUTS" AT XMAS A STORY TOLD BY THE CAMERA

This picture reflects a mingled story of joy and sadness on Christmas day, as faithful a tale of the "ins" and "outs" or "ups" and "downs" of juvenile life as the camera can tell. On one hand is a group of happy tots reveling in the lavish gifts of Santa Claus on Christmas morning. The fickle old fellow evidently has shown some partiality here, and if the three little girls who are standing gazing furtively into the toyshop window could catch a glimpse of the other scene they might wonder why they were forgotten in the distribution of playthings. But there are not many instances of this in our happy land. Nearly every child is remembered in some way at Christmas, the most joyous time of all the year the world around.

"STONEWALL" KELLEY

The Well Known Dracut Farmer Fatally Injured

Struck On Head by Heavy Timber While at Work on His Farm—He Was 81 Years of Age and a Most Interesting Character

George G. Kelley, one of Dracut's oldest and best known residents, familiarly called "Stonewall" Kelley, died last evening at the residence of his cousin, J. T. Green, 16 Fifth street, Lowell, as the result of injuries received while at work on his farm in Arlington road, Dracut, yesterday afternoon. He was 81 years of age.

Mr. Kelley and W. G. Stewart, an employe were about to drive a load of hay out of the barn on the Kelley farm when the accident occurred. Mr. Kelley, who despite his years worked actively about the farm, opened the great swinging barn door and was about to prop it up with a heavy timber when a gust of wind wrenched both door and timber from his grasp. The door swung inward hurling the timber against Mr. Kelley's skull, and crushing it. He fell to the ground unconscious and bleeding profusely. Mr. Stewart and a young man named L. C. Stanhope picked up the unconscious man and carried him into the farmhouse. The Lowell ambulance was called and he was removed to Fifth street, where he has made his home for the past three years. Dr. William A. Johnson was called but Mr. Kelley never regained consciousness.

Mr. Kelley was an eccentric character, beloved for his eccentricities. He was born on the old farm at which he met his death 81 years ago, and was the fourth generation of his family to occupy the old homestead. In 1849 he was seized with the gold fever and went to California, where he spent the next 16 years of his life, as a prospector and miner with more than the usual profit to his fortunes. When he returned, at about the end of the Civil war, he brought with him a good sized fortune.

Since that time he has been busy spending a portion of his money in improving his old home farm. From a waste of rock and unfruitful soil, he has turned the 150 acres which comprise it into one of the most productive farms in Dracut, clear of rock, drained in the most approved manner and capable of raising the finest of crops. Much of this improvement was the work of his own hands, and the concrete results of the long years are evident in the 15 foot stone walls so common to the well known spot, whence came his nickname of "Stonewall."

For years Mr. Kelley was a familiar figure as he drove his ox team loaded with hay or other farm products through the streets of Lowell. A remembrance of him will always be connected with his team of oxen by many people.

While in the west he married a Mrs. Mossman. His wife returned with him to the east, but died about six years ago, and since then he has lived for the most part with families residing near his Dracut farm, or with his Centralville relatives. He has, however, visited his farm each day when his health permitted, one of his particular tasks being the care of the two cats which took charge of the farm in his absence.

It had been Mr. Kelley's custom to go to California almost every winter, and he had intended starting for Los Angeles and San Diego on the first of January, in company with his youthful cousin, 15-year-old Frederick Kelley of Apple street. Mr. Kelley formerly had large real estate interests in San Francisco and western states, and was a severe loser by the San Francisco earthquake. The value of his estate is not known, even by his relatives, but it is supposed to be considerable.

Mr. Kelley leaves two step-children, Mrs. Mary Leach of Exeter, N. H., and Dr. Alvaro E. Mossman of Westminster. He also has several cousins living in this city.

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ASK YOUR GROCER

"JIMMIE" CALLAHAN

POPULAR COMEDIAN MAKES FLYING TRIP HOME

James H. Callahan, Lowell's diminutive and celebrated comedian, made a flying visit to Lowell yesterday to see the folks for Christmas and he jumped away again this morning to join the show at Johnstown, N. Y. tomorrow, for Jimmie is now at the head of the "Toymakers" company playing the part created by Frank Daniels and is making a big hit. A second company is about to start on the road and it is expected that a Lowell young woman will go out with the second company. The "Toymakers" have just finished a successful tour of New England and Canada and now go west to Michigan. They have been playing to good houses all along and the press notices say all kinds of nice things about little Jimmie and his cleverness.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Th regular meeting of Spindle City circle, C. of A. was held in Post 120 hall last evening. The election of officers resulted as follows: C. C., Alice Devine; S. C. C., Mary Rourke; R. S. Elizabeth Devine; F. S. Lilla O'Neil; T., B. Dunlea; R. G., Mary Reddy; L. G., Mrs. Eva Welsh; I. G., Mrs. Marvel; O. G., Mrs. McGorvan; trustee, Mrs. Hyde; physician, Dr. P. J. Meehan.

Centralville Rebekah lodge, No. 127, held its regular meeting last evening and elected officers for the coming year. The lodge will initiate at the first meeting in January.

"You're Well!" Then Keep Well—

Don't wait for a sick spell to come along and prostrate you. Take Schenck's Mandrake Pills whenever you feel a little dull or out of sorts. They keep the digestion strong, the stomach sweet, the bowels regular, the liver active. Wholly vegetable—absolutely harmless—plain or sugar coated, 25c a box. READ OUR FREE BOOK on lung, liver and stomach disorders. Your name on a post card gets it.

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Items of Interest to the Students

Last Tuesday the third of a series of lectures by men prominent in business and mill life was given in the assembly hall of the school. Mr. Henry Smith, the president of the Lowell board of trade, was the speaker. His subject was the object and the value of the board of trade to business in this country. The lecture was very interesting and valuable and was listened to by a large number of students.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Council the following men were awarded their numerals which were earned in the first annual fall track meet 1910, Duval, Blaikie, Keough, Hale, Leck, Cary; 1911, Harrison, Merrill, Bailey, Middleton; 1912, Heath, Hartford Zobel, Hassett, Walsh, Pensel, Allen, McCleary, McDuff.

The following board has been selected to run the Pickout.

Editor-in-chief, N. B. Reed; Asst. Editors G. C. Welch, E. K. Hale; Business Mgr. A. F. Lamb; Assistant Business Mgr. G. B. Elliott; Senior Class Editors H. G. Michelson, J. T. Brady, Jr., D. W. Smith; Junior Class Editors E. B. Thackster, Jr., J. A. Middleton, G. W. Summersby; Freshmen Class Editors H. A. Stevens, R. Brown, R. B. Clark.

Up to this year the Pickout has been a private venture in which the editor and business manager divided the profits, but this year it was taken up and the book is to be a school book in every sense of the word. The Pickout board is subject to the Athletic Council and the profits go to the treasury of the Athletic association. The editors and business managers as well as each member will receive a certain per cent. of the receipts as a reward for their efforts.

The Christmas recess began Thursday, at 4.30 p. m., and lasts till Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 8.30 a. m.

BACHELOR CLUB

TO GIVE CONCERT AT POLICE RELIEF ASS'N. BALL

Big preparations are being made for the 22d annual concert and ball of the Lowell Police Relief association which will be held at Associate hall on the night of Tuesday, January 4, 1910. Supt. Redmond Welch will be general manager and Patrolman Francis H. Moore floor director. The Bachelor club will give a minstrel show the first part of the evening which bids fair to be the best ever held in this city. Charles F. Slattery will have charge of the performance. Music for dancing will be furnished by the Middlesex orchestra.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to our many relatives and friends who by their many acts of kindness, words of consolation and beautiful floral offerings helped to lighten the burden of sorrow in the death of our beloved wife and mother. To one and all we are deeply grateful and will ever remember their kindness. Signed,

Mr. Michel Trudel and Sons,
Mrs. Josephine Pinardi.

VERDICT FOUND

In the Canner-Freedman Case

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—After a trial lasting nearly six weeks in the U. S. district court the jury in the Canner-Freedman conspiracy case returned a verdict at 9.45 last evening.

When the case was first presented by the government indictments were made against 13 defendants alleging a conspiracy to conceal assets in bankruptcy proceedings. Three of the defendants, Bernard Goldfine, Morris Goldfine and Isaac W. Mandelstain, pleaded guilty and subsequently became witnesses for the government.

Three other defendants, Levi Jacobson, Abraham Greenberg and Abraham Ferman, were found not guilty by order of the court.

When the jury retired Wednesday afternoon to consider the evidence they had only seven of the original defendants to pass upon. Of these, four were found guilty and three not guilty.

Verdicts of guilty were found against Louis B. S. Canner, Jacob Freedman, Julius Wolfman and Louis Miller.

The defendants found not guilty are Annie R. Canner, Rebecca Freedman and Nathan Wolfman.

MAYOR-ELECT

SAYS HIS VICTORY COST HIM NOTHING

BROCKTON, Dec. 24.—Mayor-elect William H. Clifford, who, running as independent and democratic candidate at the municipal election, defeated C. Chester Eaton, a manufacturer, yesterday afternoon filed a sworn statement of his campaign expenses with the city clerk.

The election cost him nothing, no money being spent and nothing promised. Not even a postage stamp is included in his statement.

NELSON ACCEPTS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—Thos. McCarey, manager of the Pacific Athletic club of this city, announced that he had secured an agreement for a 45 round contest between Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast, who is in this city with his manager Tom Jones, signed the agreement and Nelson telegraphed his acceptance from Chicago.

Nelson is to be given $10,000 win, lose or draw, and the men will post a side bet of $5000.

The contest will take place in February or March, the exact date to be settled later, and the Vernon arena, outside the city limits, will be the scene.

Bright, Sears & Co.
PACKERS AND BROKERS
Wyman's Exchange
SECOND FLOOR

CITY BEAUTIFUL

Committee of Board of Trade Reports

ACTION AGAINST BILLBOARD NUISANCE

Agent Southworth of the Massachusetts Mills Promises to Aid in the Work at Considerable Expense to His Company

At a recent meeting of the "city beautiful" committee of the board of trade several communications in reply to circulars sent to property owners throughout the city relative to the billboard nuisance were received and a vote of thanks for the replies was passed. At the meeting were Harvey B. Greene, chairman, Thomas J. Goyette and Louis A. Olney.

Mr. Goyette was instructed to secure assessments made by the city on all billboards, a list of which has been furnished the committee.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Richard Watrous, secretary of the National Civic Federation, asking for the benefit of the experience of his organization along this line of work.

The following letter from Agent Southworth of the Massachusetts mills, relative to the abolition of billboards, is characteristic and to the point:

Mr. John A. McKenna, Secretary, Lowell Board of Trade, City.

Dear Sir—I have the circular of the board of trade relating to billboards and inviting me to take down two, for which we receive $200 a year. I had it already in mind to take them down when a convenient opportunity offers, and if you will not hurry me too much I will assist you to beautify the city in the manner indicated.

You argue that the billboards depreciate the value of our property. We shall certainly keep them if there is any certainty in our minds that the assessors will take the same view!

Yours truly,
W. S. Southworth.

President Tuttle of the Boston & Maine railroad requested a conference with the committee relative to the boards on property of the railroad.

A savings bank owning certain property on which billboards are located replied to the circular of the committee, that "if the city of Lowell had purchased the property mentioned . . . it could have removed the billboards."

Most of the replies were to the effect that the owners would be very glad to have the boards removed. Some said they never got any pay for them and thought the boards had no right on their land.

Bring your girl to Prescott, Xmas.

BILLERICA NEWS

Fire in Talbot Mills Tenement

Fire broke out in a double tenement house in Wilson street, belonging to the Talbot mills late yesterday afternoon, and before the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the flames the building had been damaged to the extent of about $800 and several buildings in the vicinity escaped being damaged by the effective work of the members of the fire department, assisted by the Talbot mills volunteer fire department.

The fire was caused by a defective chimney. When the fire was discovered it was eating its way through the roof and the blaze fanned by a strong wind soon spread to different parts of the building.

Henry Luetender and family live on the second floor, while the first floor is occupied by Albert Herin and family.

Christmas Program

Christmas will be observed in an appropriate manner tomorrow at St. Andrew's church. The masses will be sung at 8 and 10 a. m., the latter service to be followed by benediction of the blessed sacrament. A special musical program will be carried out under the direction of Charles E. Fairbrother, with Miss Etta Hoar at the organ.

The program will be as follows:

Solemn high mass, 10 a. m.; march (Flagler), organ; mass (J. D. Kumin); offertory, Adeste Fidelis (Novello); benediction of the blessed sacrament; O Salutaris (Dom. S. Gregory Auld, O. S. B.); Tantum Ergo (Miller); Adoremus (Pearce); Laudate Dominum VIII (Lane).

Soloists—Sopranos, Mrs. Agnes Lyons, Miss Isabel Kearney; alto, Miss Nellie Campbell; tenor, Charles E. Fairbrother; bass, Henry O'Brien; director, Charles E. Fairbrother; organist, Miss Etta Hoar.

SANTA'S SURPRISE

"Santa's Surprise," a very pretty little Christmas playlet, was presented by six little boys, members of Miss Grace Cumnock's Sunday school class, assisted by other members of the Kirk Street Sunday school, at the Kirk Street church, yesterday afternoon.

"Santa Claus," portrayed by Master Wendell Harvey, came down the chimney and during the conversation which he held with the children he told them that he had traveled far and his stock of presents was exhausted. He had another group of poor children to visit, but did not have any presents for them. Being tired he went to sleep and while he slept the children contributed presents and when he awoke he found that his bag was filled with nice things.

Hot chocolate was served, and a sale of candy was under the direction of Miss Harvey.

The object of the entertainment was to raise money toward the furnishing of a room in the new Y. M. C. A. building.

7-20-4
J. R. G. SULLIVANS
10c Cigar
Now packed in boxes of 25 for the holidays. For sale by all first-class dealers.

SECRETARY KNOX, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER; SCENE OF GREAT NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Unusual attention is attracted to the New Year's reception which Secretary and Mrs. Knox will give in honor of the world's diplomats because of the stand the secretary took with regard to the killing of the two Americans, Cannon and Groce, in Nicaragua. With few exceptions the diplomats here commend the action of the secretary, and all of them admire the spunk he displayed in demanding that the tyrant Zelaya be called to account for the outrage. The publication of the first detailed account of the executions has heightened interest in the movement against the Nicaraguan government, and, aside from the social nature of the New Year's reception, it will be a specific indorsement of Secretary Knox's policy. The event is looked forward to as one of the most brilliant functions since the last Roosevelt reception, which was the greatest gathering of statesmen and diplomats ever held in this country. Mrs. Knox will be assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Tindle, in receiving the distinguished guests. Aside from the diplomats, many officers of the army and navy will be present. Ambassadors Bryce, Jusserand, Des Planches and Von Bernstorff will be present with their staffs.

CAPT. AMUNDSEN

Starts On Search For Explorer Cook

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 24.—Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the northwest passage, who has planned a four years' voyage in Fritjof Nansen's

CAPT. AMUNDSEN

arctic steamer Fram to prove that a current runs from the Bering strait over the north pole, has begun a systematic search of Dr. Cook. The captain, who was one of Dr. Cook's most ardent supporters, does not expect to start on his arctic voyage until next July and says he will devote the intervening months, if necessary, to finding Cook.

GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

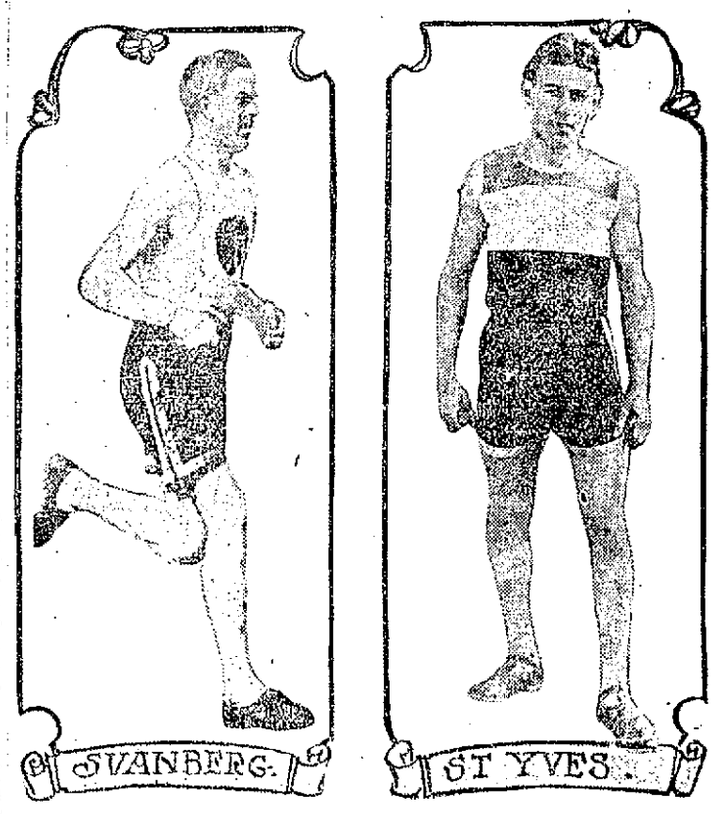
CANTON, O., Dec. 24.—William L. Davis, former vice-president of the defunct Canton state bank, was found guilty of embezzlement today. The jury was out all night. Davis was charged with abstracting from the bank 350 shares of bank stock valued at $570,000.

Sunlight, Prescott, Xmas, Gilmore's.

MAY STOP 50 FIRE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—There is a prospect that the fire which has been burning for 50 years in a mine at Summit Hill, Pa., at last will be extinguished. A Scranton construction company occupied a year building a concrete wall 15 feet thick far below the coal, and it is thought will conquer the fire. Old time miners are of the opinion, however, that the fire will eat through the concrete and continue its way into the Panther Creek valley.

TWO FAMOUS MARATHON RUNNERS WHO WILL MEET IN RACE SHORTLY



NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—If the plans of the eastern promoters do not fall through, professional athletics will be given a big boom within the next few weeks. A short time ago it looked as if there would be nothing for the money chasers, but the wind has shifted, and skies are beginning to shine again. In New York three big professional races are on the program to be run off between now and the first of February, and several long and short distance events are carded to be held in Jersey City, N. J. Nearly all the big professional Marathoners who took part in the long distance running game last season will compete in the coming events. Many of the foreign runners who helped make sport history last year are to arrive in this country shortly. In fact, two of them are here now. John Svanberg, the Swede who won several races last year, and Henri St. Yves, the Frenchman, establisher of several world's records, arrived recently in splendid shape and will start training immediately. Pietri Dorando, the Italian, who is now in England, is expected in this country the first week in January.

Y.M.C.A. BEATEN

Chelsea Team Won at Basketball

The Lowell Y. M. C. A. basketball team was defeated by the Chelsea Young Men's Christian association team by a score 27 to 25 at the local gym. in a fast and well contested game last night. It was a case of seesaw from start to finish; first one team would be ahead and the throwing of a basket would change the title in favor of the other team.

At the conclusion of the first half the score was 9 to 7 in favor of Chelsea. The lineup:

Chelsea	Lowell
Keddlety lf	rb Croft
Kelly rf	lb Sutherland
Wilbane c	c W. Grant
Tierney lb	rf Cote
Mulloy rb	lf J. Grant

Score—Chelsea 27, Lowell 25. Goals from the floor—Mulloy 4, Wilbane 5, Keddlety 2, J. Grant 4, Cote 2, W. Grant 2, Pearson. Points on fouls—Mulloy 3, Wilbane 1, Cote 7. Referee—Wilson. Timers—Stephens and Mason. Scorer—Pilkington.

The second game, between Andover Guild and Y. M. C. A. second team, resulted in a victory for the Y. M. C. A. boys by a score of 18 to 11. The score:

Lowell	Andover
Stephens lf	rb Leslie
Dwyer rf	lb Hastings
Harrington c	c Black
Lelacheur lb	rf Berry
Lajeunesse rb	lf Haddin

Score—Lowell 18, Andover 11. Goals—Dwyer 6, Harrington 2, Haddin 3. Points on fouls—Dwyer 2, Haddin 5. Referee—Wilson.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

From the U. S. Steel Corporation

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—About $100,000,000 is to be the Christmas present of the United States Steel corporation and its subsidiary companies to the steel-making territory from South Chicago to Gary, Ind. This sum is to be expended in building new plants and enlarging existing shops during the coming year.

Formal announcement of the estimates for the construction plans and the enlarging of the existing facilities will be made in due time from the main offices of the United States corporation by J. C. Buffington, president of the Illinois Steel Co. The extension means the employment of possibly 5000 additional men during the coming year.

SUSPENDED BY A. A. U.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Melvin W. Sheppard, the champion middle distance runner, and William J. Hayes of St. Gregory's Catholic club of this city, were indefinitely suspended last night by the military athletic league of Pennsylvania. The league is affiliated with the A. A. U., which will also be obliged to suspend the athletes under the terms of an agreement with the local body. The men were scheduled for a match race here on December 11, the event being advertised as the special attraction of a meet arranged by the military athletic league. Both men were in the armory when the race was called, but refused to run.

CUBAN LOTTERY

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—The extraordinary Christmas drawing of the National Lottery from which the government expected to derive a profit of $900,000, proved a failure. The drawing probably will show a considerable deficit on the government side.

BOWLING NEWS

The Knights of Columbus turned the tables on the Sacred Hearts in a game in the Catholic league series played on the allays last night. The Knights won the first string by 16 pins and in each succeeding string increased the lead of its opponents.

Two teams, one from Tyngsboro and the other from Dunstable, rolled the big pins last night, the Dunstable quintet winning by a small margin.

There were two games played in the Manufacturers' league. The Merrimack defeated the Shaw in one game while in the other the Lawrence defeated the Massachusetts.

In a close and well contested game played between the Lowell Electric Light station team and the Ellis Stars the latter team won by the narrow margin of eight pins. The scores:

CATHOLIC LEAGUE
K. of C.

	1	2	3	T'l
Savage	94	91	87	272
Lang	87	91	106	284
D. Donohoe	80	90	105	275
Coun	88	90	86	264
J. F. Donohoe	101	87	93	281
Totals	450	449	477	1376

Sacred Heart

J. Murphy	95	83	98	276
Longelly	84	76	78	238
Farrell	84	91	93	268
Walsh	81	85	80	249
Weldon	87	89	77	253
Totals	434	424	426	1284

SUBURBANITES ROLLED
Tyngsboro

	1	2	3	T'l
Dixon	150	136	133	419
Sargent	163	187	141	491
Noble	165	198	183	446
Littlehale	140	116	137	392
Totals	618	536	594	1748

Dunstable

Whipple	190	187	199	576
J. Woodward	200	134	155	489
Dickinson	133	154	121	408
L. Woodward	100	95	100	295
Totals	623	570	575	1768

MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE
Merrimack

	1	2	3	T'l
Armitstead	87	92	89	268
Waugh	81	83	91	255
Pickup	77	87	74	238
Devoll	62	80	83	225
Fullerton	89	96	90	275
Totals	396	438	427	1261

Shaw

Libby	80	78	97	255
Carney	79	81	77	237
Robinson	74	83	92	249
Clifford	81	84	78	243
Fay	71	87	90	248
Totals	385	413	434	1232

Lawrence

	1	2	3	T'l
Stearns	76	78	82	236
Chase	110	86	92	288
Sherburn	72	79	72	223
Butterfield	96	85	96	277
Hunt	91	104	89	284
Totals	445	432	437	1303

Massachusetts

Webster	84	78	89	251
Bell	91	74	94	259
Kennedy	84	76	90	250
Head	75	80	76	231
Cove	98	92	93	283
Totals	432	400	442	1274

ELECTRIC LIGHT TEAM LOST
Lowell Electric Light

	1	2	3	T'l
Callahan	82	92	85	259
Prescott	81	102	80	263
Wood	75	82	107	264
Rivers	72	74	83	229
Moody	93	83	80	256
Totals	403	433	435	1270

Ellis Stars

Ellis	83	67	86	239
C. Brock	67	91	81	239
Mason	70	74	85	229
Moody	90	115	86	291
Totals	395	451	432	1278

A WORLD'S FAIR

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 24.—Railways operating in western Canada made joint announcement last evening of a gift of $2,000,000 for a world's fair in Winnipeg provided it is postponed till 1914. These roads include the Soo and the Great Northern.

LIFTED FROM A BED OF PAIN AND RESTORED TO HEALTHY CHILDHOOD.

A Marvelous Cure of Rheumatism

We ask you to read our testimonials, and then measure the satisfaction we enjoy in helping suffering humanity, as we helped MASTER ALBERT E. WILLIAMS, of Lowell, whose father writes us as follows:

Lowell, Mass., Oct. 18, 1909.

Mr. W. A. Varney,
25 Hamilton Ave., Lynn, Mass.

Dear Sir:—Through reading your advertisements in the local papers of local cures of people whom I knew, I was induced to try VAR-NE-SIS for my little boy. He is eleven years of age and has been a great sufferer with rheumatism since he was two years old.

At the time the trouble commenced he was taken with fever and nausea, and after that every time he had a severe attack of rheumatism it was preceded by fever. His little hands, feet and knees were terribly swollen, his ankles had no strength whatever, would turn right over when he tried to step. He was a great deal worse at night, the muscles contracting so that the legs drew up like a jackknife, his little hands would close up tight and his head draw over on one shoulder. He suffered agonies both with the pain and from stomach trouble; attacks of nausea would come wholly unexpected and were very distressing.

We tried several physicians and all sorts of cures, from far and near, that were recommended, but nothing helped the poor little sufferer for any length of time until we tried VAR-NE-SIS, which seemed just the medicine he needed. The very first bottle helped him, he began to improve gradually, until now we consider him entirely cured. He started in to go to public school this fall, he looks rosy and well, eats heartily, and all swelling, soreness and stiffening of his joints has entirely disappeared.

My boy is a living testimonial of the virtues of VAR-NE-SIS in rheumatic cases.

Sincerely yours, ALBERT WILLIAMS,
8 Branch St., Lowell, Mass.

Call on him and verify our statements.

W. A. VARNEY

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To [illegible] prove that this letter is other than the honest endorsement of Mr. Williams.

VAR-NE-SIS MEDICINE CO.
25 Hamilton Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

HE SHOT HIS WIFE

Man Surrendered to Police of Rochester, N. H.

ROCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 24.—A shooting affray, which may result in the death of Mrs. Louise Vaugeois, better known as Virgin, took place about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home, 40 Chestnut street, the assailant being her husband, Francis Vaugeois, who has not lived at home for twenty years, although he has occasionally visited his family for a few hours at a time.

For the past two years Vaugeois has boarded with Edward Delouche, a cobbler, residing in Brick row on North Main street, but as Mr. Delouche is to move Vaugeois was notified to vacate not later than last night.

Wednesday, Vaugeois visited his wife at her home, asked her to cook for him and to allow him to stay in the house, which she refused to do on account of the past family troubles. Yesterday at 4 p. m. he made a second visit on the same mission, but Mrs. Vaugeois still refused him, whereupon he fired three shots at her.

She stood on the floor facing him when he fired the first shot, which penetrated her body on the left side just below the heart, causing her to fall to the floor. The second passed through her side just below the first one and the third lodged in her shoulder.

A daughter, Miss Rosa, 20 years old, who had just returned from her work at the box factory of Charles F. Trask & Co., heard the shots and rushed to her mother's assistance. Her father, enraged, attempted to shoot her, but the young woman thwarted him by the vigorous use of a chair.

Ex-Representative Simeon Bergeron, a neighbor, was in the cellar at the time of the shooting at work on the water pipes, and on hearing the reports quickly rushed upstairs. Vaugeois still held the revolver in his hand and refused Mr. Bergeron's demand to give it up. He pointed the weapon at Bergeron, driving him three steps down the cellar stairs. Bergeron soon returned and after a hard struggle secured the revolver by knocking it out of his hand. He then put the assailant outdoors and went for a doctor.

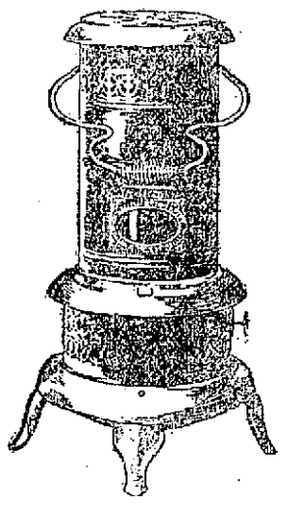
Mrs. Vaugeois is in a critical condition, the two bullets that lodged in her body not having been found. The shooting took place in the kitchen, where Mrs. Vaugeois was engaged in sweeping. Word was telephoned to the city building about the affair and Special Officer John Perreault immediately started out in pursuit of the assailant. In the meantime Vaugeois went to the city building and surrendered himself to Mayor William C. Bradley, who locked him up in a cell of the police station.

City Solicitor Samuel D. Felker took charge of the case. Vaugeois was arraigned in police court before Judge Lawrence V. McGill this morning, but the charge will depend on the condition of the woman.

Vaugeois one year ago tonight attempted to take his wife's life by shooting. His friends believe him to be of unsound mind. During the past 20 years he has worked in the mines of the west and the Klondike. He is a native of France and about 65 years of age, and has done but little work of late. His wife is seven years his junior.

Mrs. Vaugeois and her four daughters are among the most prominent French residents in the city and highly respected. She has supported her family, building a home and educating her children. The latter are: Annie, a stenographer in Boston; Mrs. Millie Jacques of Newfield; Mary, employed at the shoe factory of Linscott, Tyler & Wilson, and Rosa, employed at the Trask box factory.

Meeting Emergencies



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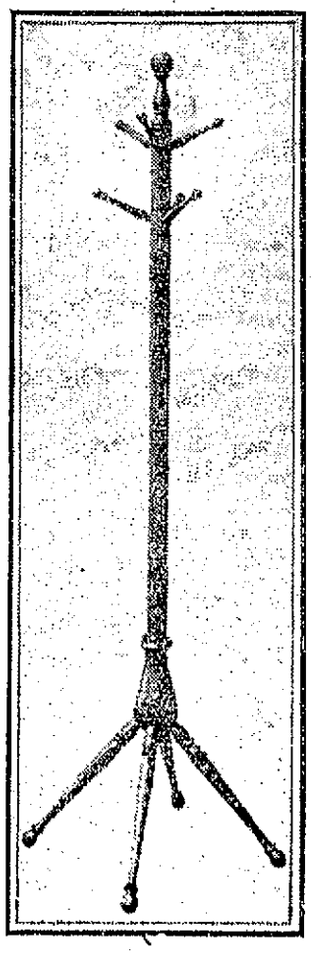

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Our assortment of Costumers is exceptionally large for the holiday season; made in golden oak and mahogany; that have a wide range in price and make a very useful and durable holiday gift. Come in and look the line over.

ADAMS & Company

Appleton Bank Block, Central Street.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY WILL BRING JOY TO MANY A POOR FAMILY.

"In faith and hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is charity;
All must be false that thwart this one great end;
And all of God, that bless mankind, or mend."

Quick Service and New, High Class Stocks at the

SMART CLOTHES SHOP

In the rush of the last day and the worries of final selections it's well to keep in mind:

That the Stocks of the SMART CLOTHES SHOP are brand new and strictly high class;

That the service is quick and intelligent—you'll waste no time through lack of attention;

That the D. S. O'BRIEN CO. label on a gift is a certificate of character;

That you'll be asked no more than in other stores for goods of like quality.

SPECIAL

TODAY

A Big Neckwear Trade at . . . 50c

For the last day we have provided several new sets of Men's Neckwear that are exceptionally good.

They're in the long, graduated flowing end scarfs—mostly stripes in the long bias fold—splendid silks, many with satin stripes.

At 50c they're simply great value.

D.S. O'BRIEN CO.

222 Merrimack Street

HENRY H. HARRIS

Made Trustee of the Public Library

TO SUCCEED MR. F. P. PUTNAM, RESIGNED

Charles L. Knapp Re-elected Sinking Fund Commissioner—Traverse Jurors Drawn—Election Returns Canvassed and Elections Declared

The board of aldermen held an adjourned meeting last night for the purpose of canvassing election returns and to transact any other business before the board.

Henry H. Harris was elected a member of the board of library trustees, to succeed Frank P. Putnam, resigned. Mr. Harris is principal of the Varnum school.

Charles L. Knapp was re-elected sinking fund commissioner.

Aldermen Adams and Wainwright were appointed to a committee on salaries.

A. W. Dows & Co. and E. W. Young company were granted permission to maintain advertising lamp posts in Central and Merrimack streets.

The following traverse jurors were drawn by Alderman Duxter:

Joseph Jalbert, 500 Fourth avenue, contractor.

Harry W. F. Dunckley, 103 School street, draughtsman.

Charles Aveyard, 58 Marlboro street, superintendent.

James H. Pindar, 352 East Merrimack street, real estate.

Alderman Adams drew the following for traverse jurors:

Clarence E. Edwards, 36 Leverett street, manufacturer.

William T. Sutcliffe, 158 Appleton street, musician.

Zenon Choulnard, 35 Exeter street, clerk.

Joseph E. Guimond, 4 Butterfield street, knitter.

Eugene F. Flynn, 522 Lawrence street, bleachery.

Fred B. Emerson, 29 Burtt street, theatrical manager.

The board adjourned to next Tuesday.

BROKE WORLD'S RECORD

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Thomas Hueston of St. Louis, successfully defended his title of pool champion of the world against Benjamin Allen of Kansas City, Mo., in the concluding three days' match last night, winning by a total net score of 600 to 581.

Allen won the match last night by a large lead, however, during which he broke the world's record for a run scoring 85, the former record being 79 held by Grant Eby since 1902.

NORTH CHELMSFORD

The marriage of Mr. Walter B. Pierce and Miss Marion W. Crowell took place Wednesday afternoon in the Second Congregational church, Rev. D. A. Hudson performing the ceremony.

The church was tastefully decorated with palms and evergreens under the direction of Miss Marion Scribner.

While the guests were arriving, organ selections were given by Mrs. A. H. Slater of Lowell, among which were "The Silver Trumpet," by Wells; "A Grand Offertory," by Thayer; "Pilgrim's Chorus," by Taunhauser and "The Angel's Serenade," by Shubert.

The ushers were: Earl Lewis of Sudbury, Mr. Paul Scribner of North Chelmsford, Mr. Rufus E. Underhill of Melrose, Mr. Arthur W. Floyd of Lowell, the last two being cousins of the bride.

At 4 o'clock to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, the bride appeared accompanied by her father, Mr. Charles H. Crowell, and preceded by two little girls, Miss Jeanette Crowell, a niece of the bride, as ringbearer and Miss Franzisca Schacht, a cousin of the bridegroom, as flower girl. The bride wore a gown of white peau de cygne, with veil. The veil was caught with lilies of the valley and the orange blossoms worn by her mother at her wedding. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The little girls were dressed in white muslin with pink sashes, the one bearing the rings on a white silk cushion, the other carrying a large basket of daybreak pinks.

The bridegroom met the bride at the altar, where the Episcopal marriage service was performed. The bride was given away by her father. "O Promise Me," was played softly during the ceremony. The party left the church to the music of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

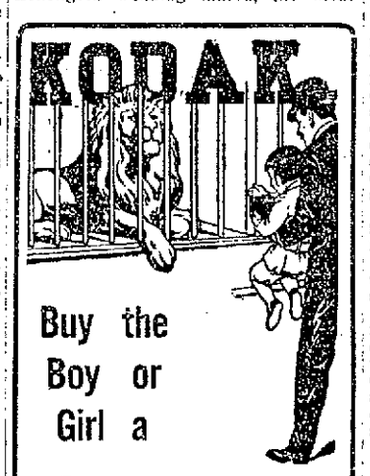
Guests were present from Lowell, Boston, Melrose, Mansfield, Stoneham, Haverhill, Methuen and Windham, N. H.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride in Wright street, about 75 guests being present. The rooms were prettily decorated by Mrs. George Elliott. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce stood underneath an evergreen bower, with a wedding bell directly over their heads. They were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Crowell, Mrs. C. B. Pierce and Mrs. Nettie Marshall.

Throughout the reception piano selections were rendered by Miss Grace Hadley of Lowell.

A large number of wedding gifts were received. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Marinel, caterer.

About 6.15, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce left for a brief wedding trip, amid showers of confetti and good wishes. On their return they will reside in North Chelmsford, corner of Middlesex street and Cottage row. Mr. Pierce is principal of the North Chelmsford high school.



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POET WATSON IN HAVANA

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—William Watson, the English poet and his wife, are staying at a hotel in a suburb of Havana. In an interview yesterday, Mr. Watson said he came to Cuba in search for recreation, and intended to study the people and the resources of the islands. Since their arrival, Mr. Watson and his wife have been engaged in sight-seeing around Havana and vicinity. The poet's health apparently is good and he said he was enjoying his visit and was quite undetermined how long he would stay or where he would go next. He declined to make any further statement.

YALE IN THE LEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—At the conclusion of play last night in the second round of the 18th intercollegiate chess tourney, between Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton, Yale was in the lead. The score now stands Yale 5½ points; Harvard 4½ points; Columbia 3½ points; Princeton 2½ points.

In yesterday's play, Yale beat Columbia 3 to 1 and Harvard beat Princeton 3 to 1. The third round will be played today.

BURNED TO DEATH

Widow's Home Destroyed By Fire

SOMERVILLE, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Elizabeth Kenny, aged 63 years, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed her home at 31 Burnside avenue, last night. She was a widow with five children. The fire started from an overheated furnace. The loss on the house was small.

NO TARIFF WAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—There will be no tariff war between France and the United States, according to M. Calvet, a senator of France, who has been in this country since November 19 to confer with representative Frenchmen. Before sailing on the steamer La Provence for Havre yesterday, M. Calvet said he believed all schedules between the two countries would be settled before next April.

FIVE DROWNED

Boys Broke Through Thin Ice

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 24.—Five persons were drowned in Newfoundland yesterday, three boys being lost at Cottage pond, Brigus, and a mother and daughter at Harry's river.

The boys broke through thin ice.

No details of the second accident, in which Mrs. Louise Benoit and her daughter Mary lost their lives, have been received.

Prescott hall to let Sat. evenings.

PRINCETON DEFEATED

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—In the first real clash of the season between collegiate hockey teams, Williams beat Princeton last night by five goals to four.

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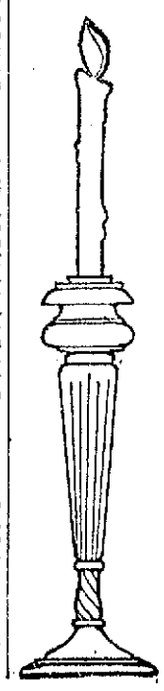

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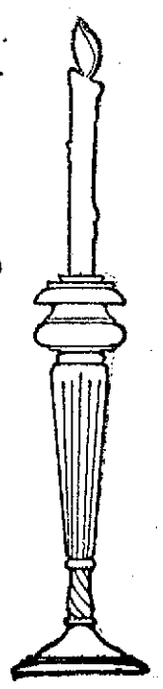

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This is by far the largest average circulation of any newspaper in Lowell.

THE CHRISTMAS TIDE.

Tomorrow will be Christmas, a festival to be observed in a spirit of charity and joy greater perhaps than ever before. It seems that the spirit of good will and real Christian charity becomes more widespread about the Christmas time with each succeeding year. It is gratifying to find that at this season such a great number are anxious to relieve suffering and want wherever they can and, besides, to make glad the hearts of the children by the distribution of gifts and toys in the name of dear old Santa Claus.

The observance of the Christmas even in the secular aspect entails a vast amount of work and expenditure. The stores are filled with articles suitable for Christmas gifts and even inventors have spent a great portion of their time producing toys to amuse the children. All this results in the employment of a great many more people and the expenditure of much more money than would otherwise take place, and it is beneficial to the people at large independently of the special benefactions to the poor and needy.

There is a vast contrast between the observance of Christmas at the present time and that of thirty or forty years ago. At that time most of the mills continued to run on Christmas day and the spirit of the festival was not generally recognized. The religious observance, however, has now become general in all Christian lands, and if it did nothing but inspire a little charity even for a short time each year it would be worth all it costs and a great deal more. The secular observance, however, is of course secondary to the religious which brings vividly to view the nativity of Christ and the work of man's redemption. The world has undergone a vast transformation since the birth of the Redeemer and the indications point to a time not far distant when the principles of Christianity will rule the entire world and when all nations and peoples will be united under the banner of the Redeemer.

THE TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN.

The city of Chicago is suffering terribly from the ravages of tuberculosis. A sanitary bulletin issued recently in that city says that there are upwards of 4000 victims of the disease in that city every year, that there are 10,000 cases under treatment and that the number is increasing at the rate of 476 a year.

It is estimated that consumption will kill 50,000 Chicagoans in the next ten years at the present rate of mortality. This disease in the care and treatment of cases, the work of prevention and the loss by death, costs the city $23,600,000 a year.

The bulletin makes this important statement:

"Consumption can be cured—if taken in time. Ninety per cent. of very early cases are curable in six months, or less. When usually diagnosed two years of treatment are necessary.

"Consumption can be diagnosed in its very early stages, when not infectious and while curable, by a tuberculin test. Don't depend on physical examination, history of case, or sputum examination in suspected early cases. These are unreliable in 50 per cent. of very early cases.

"A tuberculin test presents less danger than the use of anaesthetics and the incidence of accidents is less than from the use of street cars.

"Tuberculin for testing purposes is supplied free by the department of health.

The tuberculin test has not been used hereabouts for the human species and there has been a great kick against its use on cattle when it happened that a cow showing positive results of the test was ordered killed.

It seems that there is still much to be done in pushing preventive measures, especially in the line of hygienic instruction in the home. Tuberculosis flourishes where the laws of hygiene are unknown or neglected. It devolves upon boards of health to supply this instruction through all the agencies at their command—the police, the physicians, the pauper department, the schools, the churches and special agents sent out for the purpose of visiting families already affected with the disease.

SIMULTANEOUS ASSASSINATIONS.

The assassination of three high government officials in different countries within the space of twelve hours was a very rare coincidence, but one that shows conclusively a spirit of determination to resist tyrannical sway. In Korea Premier Yi of the Korean cabinet was fatally wounded by the knife of an assassin. The crime is of a political character, somewhat similar to that which led to the killing of Marquis Ito, a short time ago, and probably the result of intrigue.

In St. Petersburg the chief of the district police was blown to pieces by a bomb exploded by a man who had planned the assassination. The police official was very unpopular on account of his severity, and the crime is but a protest of a certain class against one of the rigorous features of the Russian regime.

The third assassination occurred in a theatre in the Bombay district in British India, the victim being a prominent official of the government. By some it is thought the object was revenge for a sentence recently imposed upon a criminal, but it was more probably as a result of the widespread opposition to the government that has recently sprung up in India.

The third assassination occurred in a theatre in the Bombay district in the right of self-government. That reform must be granted in the near future or else the government will have to maintain its authority by the continual use of force and by the presence of a large standing army. The people of India are waking up to the realization that they have some rights and to the fact that in the past they have been governed with a supreme disregard of these rights and the exercise of actual cruelty where this was necessary to maintain absolute government control.

THE ANTI-SPITTING LAW.

The Health Board of Lawrence has adopted a novel method of enforcing the anti-spitting law. An order has been placed for 5000 cards on which will be printed the spitting ordinance. These cards will be distributed among the police officers whose duty it will be to stop anybody found spitting on the street and present him with a card, at the same time cautioning him to stop the practice lest prosecution follow. That is a good plan as it will educate the people to the requirements and the penalties of the law.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

"Your new boss isn't very sociable, is he?" asked Crumley.

"Well," replied Digley, "he's a great old hand-shaker."

"Is he really?"

"Yes, he has shaken nearly all the old hands who were in the shop when he took charge."

THE MAN WITH A GROUCH

The man with a grouch never has any friends,
Folks avoid him as much as they can;
And the general comment you hear about him
Is: "A most disagreeable man."
For nobody cares how indignant you are,
Or what reasons you have to be cross.
The world will pass by you, if you're in the dumps,
And not think it much of a loss.

The man with a grouch should cover it up,
Or forget it—that's must better still.
You think you can't do it, but say, have you tried?
You certainly can, if you will.
It pays to be blithe, and to cherish a grudge
Is the foolishest thing you can do.
So keep a sharp lookout, and be mighty sure
That the man with the grouch isn't you.

The city council of Houston, Texas, has passed an ordinance providing a fare for strap hangers. The full fare may only be collected when a seat is furnished.

Mrs. Smith was engaging a new servant, and sat facing the latest applicant.

"I hope," said she, "that you had no angry words with your last mistress before leaving?"

"Oh, dear, no, mum; none whatever," was the reply, with a toss of her head. "While she was having her bath I just locked the bathroom door, took all my things and went away as quiet as possible."

Mitchell Cushing says there isn't any sympathy except in the dictionary, and you must know how to spell it in order to find it.

Hotels that have been making a specialty of serving a drink known as the "Cook Fizz—fresh from the North pole" —have changed the name by adding two letters to the word "fizz." Now it reads "fizzle."

Orville W. Peabody says that if Mayor-elect Meehan will reappoint him poundkeeper he will divide his salary with the various charitable organizations and hospitals in the city.

Did you ever see a schoolboy tumble on the ice without stooping immediately to rebuckle the strap of his skates? Life's shortcomings would be bitter indeed if we could not find excuses for them outside of ourselves.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

Opening Christmas afternoon and evening with the merry musical farce "The Man and the Mummy," Phil Ott's comedians will play a seven days' engagement at the Lowell Opera House.

The management doesn't claim to carry the very largest of companies, but perhaps it wouldn't be amiss to remember that "good things are usually found in small packages." That this kind of entertainment is in keeping with the requirements of the time is proved by the liberal patronage being given everywhere since capacity audiences is the rule wherever this company appears.

Mr. Ott believes in giving the public amusement, clean, refreshing and entertaining amusement, and the musical comedies he presents have been written with that one idea alone in view. There is a plot, of course, in each production but not of the problem order, simply a thread for introducing the various talents of his supporting company.

There is nothing but laughter from start to finish and audiences who perhaps have never seen him before on departing from the Opera House are fully convinced that musical comedy at popular prices is an assured success where Phil Ott's comedians hold the boards.

Seats are now on sale for the entire engagement.

"FOLLIES OF 1909."

Mr. Ziegfeld, who is sending his latest and best revue, "Follies of 1909," here on Monday, Jan. 3, for one performance with Miss Eva Tanguay, and the largest musical organization extant, always keeps his revues up-to-date in every respect. His latest novelty in this year's "Follies" is a travesty on the discovery of the North pole in which Cook and Peary play prominent parts.

"THE CIRCUS MAN."

The attraction which will prevail at the Opera House Jan. 7 and 8, will be Maclyn Arbuckle in "The Circus Man," which is Klaw & Erlanger's third big production of the season. The play comes here from Boston, where it registered a hit of colossal proportions. "The Circus Man" has been compared to "The Old Homestead," "Way Down East," "The County Fair," and plays of that type, and in many respects it is said to be their superior. Mr. Arbuckle will have the advantage of a strong supporting company, and Klaw & Erlanger have seen to it that the production has received a handsome mounting. "The Circus Man" abounds in quaint types, and each of its first five acts are replete with both humor and pathos. It is founded on Kolman F. Day's charming story of Maine people, "Squire Phin."

STAR THEATRE

Carrisno and her four famous bears, featuring "Judy," a monster bear, as Salome, will be the attraction at the Star theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is undoubtedly the greatest animal act in vaudeville. The bears do everything but talk. The musical Buskirk Co., now at the theatre, preesnt a very funny act entitled "Alderman Flanigan and the Messenger Boy." The act has a sensational finish with the golden anvil chorus during which electric sparks fly everywhere. There will be no advance in prices. Five cents, the admission, includes a seat.

HATHAWAY THEATRE

Tony Hunting, the brick topped delivery boy, who appears with the rest of his family in "The Fool House," at Hathaway's theatre this week, is truly a comedian. He doesn't have to resort to slam-bang tactics to cause laughter: he rolls his eyes, utters a few words and one is compelled to laugh. The act all the way through is worthy of being headlined. It is one long scream of laughter.

Jack Connolly and Margaret Webb show up in the ingeniously arranged skit called "A Stormy Finish." Connolly's burlesque playing of the piano is a delight, especially when he turns to rattling off grand opera with bananas, and gives "Hiawatha" by rolling a lemon over the keys. But the finish of the act is the comedy gem. A great deal happens in a brief space of time.

Other good acts on the holiday bill are: Lawrence and Edwards in "The New Alderman; Mignotte Kokin, novelty comedienne; Galletti's trained baboons; LeRoy, character impersonator; Jeters and Rogers, comedy roller skaters, and the Hathascope with new films.

Performances will be given every afternoon and evening during the remainder of the week, with special seats at the matinees for women.

THEATRE VOYONS

Christmas day the Theatre Voyons will give performances commencing at one in the afternoon and continuing without a break till 11 at night. The program is to be an excellent one, suitable for the season, and one that would be interesting and amusing at any season of the year. "A Trap for Santa Claus" is a genuine new story picture for its plot is different from any other and the interest does not drag a minute. Sunday the Theatre Voyons will offer a selected program.

MRS. DUFFIELD DEAD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Harry Duffield, known on the stage for many years as Phosa McAllister, is dead at her home in Glendale. For several seasons she was Edwin Booth's leading woman and played with him in New York and on the road. Mrs. Duffield was born 58 years ago at Stoneham, Mass.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN

Is Reported to be a Sick Man

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.—William J. Bryan, who has been in this city several days as the guest of his cousin, Ex-Gov. Wm. S. Jennings, was too ill last night to deliver his scheduled address at the Duval theatre for the benefit of a local hospital.

Mr. Bryan is suffering from a severe cold and is threatened with pneumonia. He has cancelled all future dates and will remain here several days.

A message from the bedside of William J. Bryan at 11.30 o'clock last night was that he was resting easily. His condition is in no way serious, but his physicians say that it will be necessary for him to remain within doors for several days, by doing which he will ward off the threatened case of pneumonia.

MAINE GRANGE

Scored Distribution of Mill Tax

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 24.—The annual session of the Maine state grange closed last night after one of the most largely attended, harmonious and generally satisfactory sessions in the history of the order in Maine. The installation of officers was the first business of the day, Past Master Obadiah Gardner presiding. The installing officers were George S. Ladd, past master, and Mrs. Ladd, past flora of the Massachusetts state grange.

The legislative committee reported a protest against the distribution of the mill tax for the support of schools by valuation instead of according to population. The committee claimed that while the distribution of the mill tax according to population would give $203 to each boy and girl of school age in Maine, under the distribution by valuation the boys and girls of Portland get $4.45 each, those of the rich town of Eden or Bar Harbor draw $6.19, while in the smaller and poorer towns, where the school money is needed the most, the proportion is very small.

The extreme was reached at St. Agatha, in Aroostook, where each pupil gets only 19 cents and many small towns in Maine get less than 50 cents to a scholar. The committee claimed that this was an injustice, giving the children of the larger towns and cities vastly more advantages than those in the country.

Chairman Obadiah Gardner gave a resume of the work of the committee during the past year. The expense of the legislative committee was given as $980. The other members of the committee are Prof. Allen E. Rogers of Orono, Edward Evans of Belfast, C. S. Stetson, the present state master, and William J. Thompson of China. The report was adopted after a discussion by Mr. Rogers, F. S. Adams and Columbus Hayford.

The afternoon session was devoted to memorial exercises conducted by the state chaplain, Rev. J. H. Little. Resolutions were adopted in memory of L. W. Dyer, who was a member of the executive committee, M. B. Hunt, a past treasurer, G. M. Douglass, who was gatekeeper for eight years, Lizzie M. Gregory and Olive Whitmore, who held offices in the state grange.

Eulogies were delivered by State Master Stetson, Obadiah Gardner, Edward Evans, R. D. Leavitt, Columbus Hayford and B. Walker McKeen. James Pike of South Paris and the state grange choir rendered several selections. The reports of pomona masters followed. The evening session was devoted to unfinished business, reports of various committees and final adjournment.

EXPLORER PEARY

Will Not Go to the South Pole

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Never again will he head an expedition either to the North pole or to the South. This announcement was made last night by Commander Peary. He stands ready, however, to assist any expedition which contemplates setting out for either extremity of the earth.

"My work has been accomplished," said Commander Peary. "I made it known some time ago in Brussels that I would assist any expedition that would set out for the South pole and at the same time also said that I would not personally conduct such an expedition. I still hold to this and I have no intention of changing my mind."

CAPT. BARTLETT

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 24.—Apparently content with his polar laurels, Capt. "Bob" Bartlett, the commander of the Peary Arctic steamer Roosevelt, will not go in search of the South pole as a member of the British Antarctic expedition under Lieut. Scott. Capt. Bartlett has notified the owners of the sealing steamer Southern Cross that he will accept the command of that vessel and will not join the Antarctic expedition. Capt. Moses Bartlett went as master of the schooner John R. Bradley which took Dr. Cook Etah on his recent trip to the Arctic regions.

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Fur Coats
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USE OF STOVAINE

New York Physicians Advise Special Conditions

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The medical profession, which regarded the anaesthetic use of stovaine-strychnine by Dr. Thomas Jonnesco, the Roumanian operator, in an unconvinced manner, is now beginning to express itself as to the results. The New York Medical Journal will say in its issue this week: "We have now no hesitation in saying that it would be injudicious to substitute spinal anaesthetization for the commoner methods of securing general anaesthesia—that is to say, in the generality of cases."

Dr. Virgil P. Gibney, surgeon-in-chief at the New York Hospital for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, who operated personally on two of the children during Dr. Jonnesco's first demonstration on Dec. 8, and saw the other operations by Dr. Homer Gibney and Dr. W. B. Coley, gives credit to the foreigner for his "thoroughness," but for this very reason would prefer him to handle the needle.

He says: "Personally, however, I should hesitate a long while before I allowed any high injection of any solution into my spinal canal. The vascular supply within the canal is too rich, and the danger of hemorrhage induced thereby sufficiently great to make me prefer local anaesthesia or anaesthesia through the respiratory tract. In my own practice I have long since abandoned spinal anaesthesia because my own operations are rarely performed as a dernier resort, and my patients prefer oblivion when the pros and cons are fully discussed."

Two days after the operations referred to Dr. Jonnesco gave another demonstration at the Post Graduate hospital, the subject being adults. One operation for appendicitis and one for hernia were successfully performed under the new analgesic, but in another hernia operation by Dr. Jonnesco himself, the patient felt much pain, and the fourth operation for bone tumor on the head, came near resulting disastrously.

Dr. Aspinwall Judd, who operated with Dr. Robert F. Morris, was forced to rush the subject from the table, three minutes after the injection had been made, and resort to oxygen and artificial respiration. For 24 hours this was kept up, and one hour after the operation the patient, who had formerly been an epileptic, developed wild delirium which required a straitjacket to control and continued at intervals throughout the day.

In referring to the hernia operation in which the patient suffered, Dr. Judd says that it consumed 35 minutes, the time allotted by Dr. Jonnesco in which to do efficient work under his method of anaesthesia.

"While the use of stovaine and strychnine anaesthesia in competent hands and in selected cases," continues Dr. Judd, "unquestionably has its advantages over the general form of anaesthesia, still, at the present time we are not convinced of its efficiency in general use. Administered in the upper part of the spinal cord, if we can draw conclusions from the one case mentioned, its dangers far exceed those of the other methods."

But, he adds, there are a good many patients for whom it would be desirable, such as drug habitues, those whose undue nausea would break stitches, sufferers from heart depression, aged persons and others.

Dr. Edward Martin of the University hospital, Philadelphia, reports that one patient operated on for amputation with the Jonnese) anaesthetic in use narrowly escaped death, artificial respiration being resorted to, and also ether, to control pain. There was a death under a Philadelphia imitator of Dr. Jonnesco and a cast of partial paralysis. The New York Medical Journal condemns the method as a routine procedure, although admitting its usefulness under certain special conditions.

WILLIAM WATSON AND HIS WIFE, WHO DENIES THAT HE IS INSANE

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—The English poet, William Watson, and his wife are here, and Mrs. Watson has sent several cable dispatches to friends in England and the United States denying the statement that her husband is insane. The Watsons left New York suddenly after the poet gave out the sensational statement directed at the wife and daughter of Premier Asquith of Great Britain in explanation of his poem entitled "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue." Robinson Watson, brother of the poet, is responsible for the statement that William is not of sound mind. Mrs Watson declares that it is a wicked attempt to ruin her husband and that a feud has existed between the brothers for years.

BALTIMORE'S CITY EXPENDITURES

The following figures showing the economical administration of the city government of Baltimore, Md., have been compiled by W. H. Maltble. He says that Baltimore is the most economically run city in the country. The column "average city" refers to the average of the fifteen largest cities, the figures being taken from census bureau reports:

Items	Average city	Baltimore
General government; i. e. council, mayor, board, financial offices, legal offices, elections, care of buildings, courts	$1,067,119	$ 832,316
Protection of life and property, police, militia, building inspector, etc.	2,512,283	1,828,590
Health, sewerage, garbage, street cleaning, etc.	980,550	722,900
Highways	974,155	731,250
Charities and correction	689,061	570,005
Education	2,695,711	1,810,452
Recreation	368,664	264,253
Miscellaneous—general expenses	223,818	15,513
Cost of public service enterprises—water, markets, docks, etc.	699,524	561,928
Interest on debt	1,921,768	1,638,540
Payments to sinking fund	3,248,514	1,713,129
Outlays for permanent improvements	5,592,165	3,537,640

CHINESE CASES

In Boston Have Been Placed On File

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The cases of three of the defendants in the Chinese murder cases, Dong Bok Ling, Wong Duck and Wong How, were placed on file in the superior criminal court yesterday and the prisoners released from Charles street jail.

Dist. Att'y Pelletier recommended this action to Judge Wait, on the ground that the evidence was not sufficient to justify a conviction. Judge Wait agreed to the recommendations of the district attorney and when the cases were disposed of he paid a high compliment to Mr. Pelletier and the jury.

The judge thanked the jury for its painstaking attention in listening to the cases tried during the term and the intelligence and judgment displayed in their verdicts.

His honor then commended the district attorney for his ability and discrimination shown in the selection of cases proper for trial during the past month. He further said that Mr. Pelletier had shown good sense in the examination and settlement of a large number of cases in the district attorney's office.

Mr. Pelletier examined about 275 cases, including appeals and indictments, in addition to passing on the cases that he ordered tried. He disposed of the batch by recommending verious dispositions on pleas of guilty and where there was no probable chance of conviction he disposed of a case by placing it on file or nol prossing it.

As a result of his disposition of the large number of cases, the time of the court was not taken up in the trial of cases in which the evidence was lacking and an acquittal would have been probable.

There were 43 cases tried by Asst. Att'y Webber. Most of them were important cases in which heavy sentences were imposed by the judge. Of the number tried there were 35 convictions, six acquittals, one disagreement and one acquittal by order of the court.

In regard to the Chinese case, Dist Att'y Pelletier, who recommended placing the indictment on file and discharging the men from custody, issued this statement:

"The men just released, Dong Bok Ling, Wong Duck and Wong How, were granted new trials some time ago. Recently the governor and council after a hearing on the matter commuted the sentences of Warry Charles and Joe Guey from death to life imprisonment. The late John B. Moran nol pross'd the case against Yee Jung and Yee Wat died during the trial.

"After a careful consideration of the case against Dong Bok Ling, Wong Duck and Wong How, I came to the conclusion that I was not warranted in proceeding to trial, there being a grave doubt in my mind as to whether we could obtain a conviction.

"The cases against these three men have therefore been placed on file, the understanding being that Wong Duck and Dong Bok Ling leave the state. Wong How is at present in very poor health. The men have been in jail over two years and the cases just placed on file may be brought forward for trial at any time should reasons arise for doing so."

BAD TEETH BREED GERMS

Why good health depends upon good teeth and a clean mouth was explained by Dr. Samuel A. Hopkins at the Boston Young Men's Christian Union.

"Badly neglected teeth in childhood is felt through the entire life of the individual," said Dr. Hopkins.

"Nearly all the disease germs find lodgment and development in the human mouth."

"The spread of contagion is largely through drinking cups or eating utensils."

"Proper care of the mouth and teeth will go far in limiting the spread of contagious diseases."

"Cases of anaemia and physical and mental disability in children can be frequently traced to broken down or lost teeth."

"Disease of the eyes and ears arise from diseased teeth.

Many cases of tuberculosis owe their development to the germs in the mouth."

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SAFE BLOWN OPEN

BALLSTON, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The safe of the Ballston postoffice was blown open with glycerine today and robbed of $1500. Four men were seen running from the scene of the robbery.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUBS

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The American Association of Cosmopolitan clubs in convention here has decided to affiliate with the Corda Fratres, a like organization in Europe. The object of the combination of chapters of the world's universities will be to further the movement for worldwide peace. The student bodies will also endeavor to have a representation at The Hague conference in 1915.

GREAT DAMAGE

BY FLOODS IN THE RIVERS OF PORTUGAL

LISBON, Dec. 24.—The rivers of Portugal are raging torrents today following an unprecedented rainfall. The material damage is considerable.

MILKMAN HURT

Euclid Vallerand Was Thrown From Wagon

Euclid Vallerand, residing at 94 West Meadow road, was seriously injured last night as a result of being thrown from his wagon at the corner of Mammoth and West Meadow roads.

Vallerand, who is a milkman, had a wagon loaded with milk cans and was going towards his home when the accident happened. It was about 8.50 o'clock, and as he steered the horse from Mammoth road into West Meadow road the animal took a short turn and Mr. Vallerand was thrown out. When the horse felt the reins fall on its back it started to run and did not stop until it entered the yard.

Though Mr. Vallerand was stunned, he was able to make his way to his home. Dr. Rochette was summoned, and upon examining the man found that he was suffering from a sprained arm, injured side and lacerations about the head.

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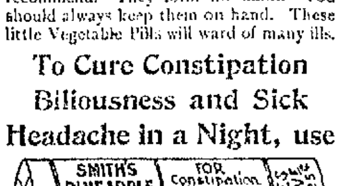

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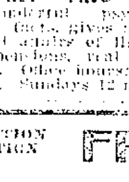

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LOST AND FOUND

POCKETBOOK LOST containing sum of money at opera house or post office. Reward at Adams Hardware store, Middlesex st.

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SUM OF MONEY found near Davis square. Owner can have by proving property and paying for this adv. Apply at 25 Butler ave., evenings.

SUM OF MONEY lost between O'Keefe's and Saunders' market, Wed. evening. Reward if returned to 121 Blossom st., city.

RED COVERED ORDER BOOK lost near the corner of Merrimack and Cabot sts. The book contains orders for T. Noonan Co., Boston, Mass., order supplies. Return to Lowell Coach Co., Middlesex st. Reward.

GRAY SQUIRREL MUFF lost Dec. 22, between Riker-Janes' drug store and Richardson street, by way of Bridge and Hildreth sts. Return to Sun Office.

BLACK LYNX MUFF lost Wednesday, between the corner of Central and Merrimack sts. and Pollard's store. Liberal reward at 12 Walker st.

BIG MOUSE COLORED DOG found. Owner can have by calling and paying expenses, at 5 Swan st., off Boston road.

BRACELET LOST with initials R. D. on it, between Moody st. and cor. Middle and Central sts., Saturday afternoon. Please return to 103 Hall st.

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SMALL HEART SHAPED GOLD LOCKET lost, with initials "M. D." on back, also chain, between Carter st. and Merrimack st., Sunday. Reward at 617 Broadway.

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COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONE, silver plated horn, and 60 records, for sale. Apply 79 Hampson st., Dracut.

STOCK AND TOOLS in shop operated by the late George W. Hamblett, 20 Smith st., for sale. Apply on premises after 4 p. m. Monday, Dec. 27.

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a6.27	7.41	7.53	8.55
b6.44	7.53	8.15	9.01
6.49	7.30	9.00	9.89
7.01	8.00	10.06	10.36
7.23	8.05	b10.21	11.34
67.31	8.50	11.30	12.07
7.44	8.35	12.00	12.56
8.48	9.25	1.00	1.57
5.56	9.35	2.00	3.04
b9.07	10.16	3.00	3.37
9.30	10.24	b2.57	5.02
10.45	11.40	4.00	4.87
11.23	12.20	s4.14	5.80
12.12	1.00	5.00	5.37
1.46	2.80	b5.21	6.23
2.41	3.33	5.38	6.28
3.57	4.40	b6.51	7.05
4.28	5.39	a0.14	7.30
5.20	6.15	7.80	8.08
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12.05	1.10	11.50	12.54
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SOUTHERN DIVISION

6.49	7.30	9.00	10.00
7.22	8.05	10.00	10.36
7.55	8.35	11.30	12.07
8.48	9.49	1.00	1.57
9.20	10.15	5.00	6.02
10.30	11.33	7.30	8.05
2.25	5.18	8.30	9.08
5.10	6.00	9.00	10.02
6.28	7.10	10.14	10.52
7.36	8.20	10.29	11.35

SUNDAY TRAINS

WESTERN DIVISION

8.20	9.20	8.00	9.08
12.12	1.15	12.00	1.00
8.50	5.00	2.11	3.23
5.45	7.00	3.30	4.41
8.50	10.02	5.20	6.38
		8.40	9.42

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James J. Riley, 25, operative, 26 Tyler street, and Ida J. Furgeson, 22, at home, 302 High street.

William A. Savage, 46, leather worker, 225 Walker stret, and Elizabeth W. McManus, 36, housekeeper, 647 Broadway.

John E. Graham, 21, teamster, 20 Irving stret, and Harriet Marr, 18, house girl, 882 Central stret.

IN BOILER ROOM

SLIGHT FIRE IN THE APPLETON MILLS

An alarm from box 24 shortly after noon today summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in the boiler room of the Appleton mills. An overheated boiler set fire to the woodwork in the room, but a few streams from the chemical extinguished the blaze.

NOTICE

The executive committee of the Lowell Pharmaceutical association requests the druggists of Lowell to observe the usual custom of closing from 1 to 6 p. m. Christmas day.

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The immortal "Te Deum" in English by the combined choirs and congregation at the close of the services, completes a program of rare musical excellence.

The program of the sanctuary choir is as follows:

"Holy Night" .... Adam
"Adeste Fideles" .... Novello
"Waken, Christian Children" old air.
"The First Noel" .... Traditional
"Morn of Gladness" .... Harris
"The Snow Lay on the Ground" old air
"Winds thro' the Olive Trees,"
Old English Melody
"Glory to God," .... McCaffrey

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass at 10.30. Vespers at 7 P. M.

The regular choir of the church will be assisted by the new chancel choir of 50 boys and men, who will appear for the first time at mass and vespers.

Musical Program

Processional, "Gloria in Excelsis," Elgar

Chancel Choir

Introit—Puer Natu's est Nobis, Gregorian

Kyrie—Gloria, St. Philip Neri Mass., Sewell

Graduale—Viderunt Omnes..Gregorian
Veni Creator (1788-1847) "A Capella," Ett

Chancel Choir

Credo—St. Philip Neri Mass....Sewell
Offertory—Tui Sunt Coeli, Gregorian
Motet—Noel ....Van Reyschoot
Sanctus—St. Philip Neri Mass..Sewell
Benedictus—St. Cecilia Mass..Gouned
Agnus Dei—St. Philip Neri Mass, Sewell

Communion—Viderunt Omnes. Gregorian

Recessional—The First Noel, Traditional Melody

Chancel Choir

Vespers

Processional—Hark, What Means Those Holy Voices.........Dielman

Chancel Choir

Artiphons and Psalms of the Day, Gregorian
Motet—Adeste Fidelis..........Novello

Chancel Choir

Master Ernest Ready, soprano soloist
Master Thos. McGovern, alto soloist
Magnificat .... Gregorian
Alma Redemptoris .... Danzi
Benediction
O Salutaris .... Hargitt
Tantum Ergo .... Grison
Recessional — While the Shepherds Watched .... Hilgle

Chancel Choir

Mrs. Mabel Ware-Murphy, Soprano; Miss Carolyn White, Organist; Mr. Thomas P. Boulger, Baritone; Mr. James A. Murphy, Tenor and Conductor.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 O'Clock

Processional, "Angels from the Realms of Glory," Sanctuary Choir

Asperges Me .... Gregorian

Sanctuary Choir

Introit, "Puer natus est nobis,"
Arr. by A. Edmonds Tozer.
Cantors, Messrs. Curry and Maguire, assisted by choir in unison.
Mass in C ....Krawtschke
Veni Creator .... Gregorian

Sanctuary Choir

Graduale, "Viderunt omnes".....Tozer
Offertory, "Tui sunt coeli"......Tozer
Offertory, "Pastorale".....Lambellotte
Communion, "Viderunt omnes"...Tozer
"Adeste Fidelis" ....Novello

Sanctuary Choir

Recessional, "'Twas in the Winter Cold,"

Sanctuary Choir

Solemn Vespers at 6.30 O'Clock

Processional, "See, Amid the Winter's Snow,"

Sanctuary Choir

Domine Ad ....Gregorian
Antiphons .... Gregorian
Psalms—
"Dixit Dominus" ....Gregorian
"Confitebor" ....Gregorian
"Beatus Vir" ....Gregorian
"De Profundis" ....Gregorian
"Memento Domine David" Gregorian
Hymn, "Jesu Redemptor"......Mozart
Magnificat .... Gregorian
"O Holy Night" ....Adolphe Adam
"Adore Te" ....Gregorian
"Tantum Ergo" ....Gregorian
"Adoremus et Laudate"......Gregorian
Recessional, "In a Lowly Manger Lying,"

Sanctuary Choir

At the evening service there will be a procession of children to the crib, singing Christmas carols.

The entire musical program will be given by the sanctuary choir of 70 voices, assisted by the church choir of 40 voices. Mrs. Adelaide Muldoon, organist and directress.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass 10.30 O'Clock

The choir will render Gounod's Mass of the Sacred Heart, with orchestral accompaniment.

The organist will prelude on the following selections, and will also play one of his own organ compositions.

Praeludium e Fuga," on B. A. C. H. (In B flat major) ....J. S. Bach
"Christmas Musette" (in G major), Alp. Mailly
Suite Gothique, (opus 25), Leon Boellmam
(a) Entree, Chorale (C Minor).
(b) Menuet Gothique (in C major).
(c) Prayer to the Virgin (A flat major.)
(d) Toccata. Final (C Minor)
"Fantasia" (in D Minor)..J. A. Bernard
(a) Grand Chorus (Maestro)
(b) Prayer (Andante Religioso.)
(c) Final (Allegro-Moderato.)
Processional.
"Second Regiment March" (in F Major) .... Reeves

Organ and Orchestra.

Introit, "Puer Natus Est"...Gregorian
Kyrie .... Gounod
Gloria .... Gounod
Graduale "Salve Regina," solo...Glorz
Mr. J. Wilfred Paradis, Jr.
Sermon,
Rev. Fr. Baron, O. M. I.
Credo .... Gounod
Offertory, "Pastores" (double quartet), Bueidler

Soprano, Mrs. J. Fredette, Miss A. Montmarquet; alto, Misses Y. Montmarquet, G. Boisvert; tenor, Messrs. Weilbrenner, E. Montmarquet; bass, W. Paradis, D. Parthenais.

Sanctus .... Gounod
Agnus Dei .... Gounod
Communion, "Adeste Fideles"..Novello
Solo, Mr. F. Gourdeau.
Sortie, "Coronation March" (in E Flat Major) ....Meyerbeer

Organ and Orchestra.

Solemn Vespers at 6.30 O'Clock

Before vespers the organist will prelude on the following selections:

"Allegro-Essai" (D Minor), Alex Guilmant
(Final from the first sonata.)
"Rhapsody on Christmas Themes" (C Minor) ....Eug. Gigout
"Invocation (C Major) ....Alp. Mailly
"Offertory on an Ancient Christmas Carol" (F Major) ....J. Grison
Processional.
March, "The Aviator" (in C Major), J. M. Fulton

Organ and Orchestra.

The members of the choir will sing the psalms of vespers on irregular tones.

Magnificat .... Mozart
(From "Gloria" of his twelfth mass.)
Alma Redemptoris ....Wiegand
Duet and Chorus.
O Salutaris, solo, ...Dubois
Miss Irene Parthenais.
Adeste Fideles ....Novello
Ave Maria, solo, ...Wiegand
Mr. J. W. Paradis, Jr.
Tantum Ergo ....Gluck
Chorus.
Laudate Dominum ....Gregorian
Sortie, "Prince Henry" March (in D Major) .... Eilenberg

Organ and Orchestra.

Director of Gregorian Chant, Mr. Frank Gourdeau; musical director, Mr. Joseph Fredette; orchestra, Mr. Emile Lavigneur; organist, Mr. Joseph A. Bernard.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 O'Clock

Prelude, Organ .... Clarke
Asperges Me ....Feisel
Sanctuary Choir,
Processional, Organ ....Guilmant
Introit, Puer Natus est Nobis....Tozer
Festival Mass ....Emerson
Graduale .... Tozer
Veni Creator .... Haydn

Sanctuary Choir

Offertory, Nato Nobis Salvatore, D. Van Reyschoot
Communion, Gregorian ....Tozer
Adeste Fidelis,

Sanctuary Choir

Vespers

Benediction
O Salutaris, bass solo ....Weigand
Tantum Ergo ....G. Capocci
Laudate Dominum .... Gregorian
Postlude .... Whiting

Soloists—Sopranos, Mrs. Harriet Sheehan, Annie M. Wilkins, Mabel Perry; altos, Mary Vice, Olive Donnus; tenors Peter A. Clune, M. Sousa, A. Haley; basses, James A. Haley, Chas. Bettencourt; organist and directress, Lulu Ginty.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

On Christmas morning, at St. Mary's church, Collinsville, masses will be at 8.30, 9.30 and 10.30. The children's choir, under the direction of Miss Susie Fenlon, will sing the Christmas carols at the early masses. At 10.30 high mass will be sung by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Walsh. The choir at this mass is composed of the following young ladies: Misses Margaret Kennedy, Mary Burke, Winnie Carrick, May Riley, Alice Kennedy, Annie Harrington and Sarah Silk. Miss Susie Fenlon is the organist and Miss Katherine Burke, the violinist. Wuerth's mass in C will be rendered. At the offertory, Ave Verum will be sung by Miss Harriet Moran.

ST. LOUIS' CHURCH

High Mass

Prelude,

Orchestra

Introit, "Puer natus est nobis," Gregorian
Kyrie ....Missa Deo Infanti
Gloria ....Missa Deo Infanti
Credo .... Millard
Sanctus .... Missa Deo Infanti
Agnus ....Missa Deo Infanti
Offertory, "Pastorale" .....Lambillotte

Choir and Orchestra

Elevation, "Adeste Fideles," Lambillotte

Choir and Orchestra

Finale,

Orchestra

Vespers

Deus in adjutorium .... Stearns
Dixit .... Stearns
Confitebor .... Stearns
Beatus .... Stearns
Laudate Pueri .... Stearns
Laudate Dominum .... Stearns
Jesu Redemptor .... Gregorian
Magnificat .... Stearns
Alma Redemptoris .... Lambillotte

Benediction

Adeste Fidelis .... Lambillotte
Ave Maria .... Millard
Tantum Ergo .... Panneton
Laudate .... Stearns

Soloists—Misses Alice Pratte, Eva Moisan, Yvonne Moisan, Eugenie Huot, Mary Hebert, Mrs. O. J. David; choirmaster, Olier J. David; organist, Miss Ida Mongrain.

NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES

Morning 10.30.

Kyrie .... Mozart 7th
Soli.
Irene Parthenais, Lea Racicot, William Gaudette, George H. Perrault
Gloria .... Mozart 7th
Credo .... Mozart 7th
Soli.
Blanche Manel, Emilienne Manel, Louis Masson, Geo. H. Perreault
Offertory.
Adeste Fideles ....P. Novello
Soli
I. Parthenais, Lea Racicot, Ed. Gaudette, Geo. H. Perreault
Sanctus .... Mozart 7th
Agnus .... Mozart 7th
Soli
I. Parthenais, Lea Racicot, William Gaudette, Geo. H. Perreault

Vespers 6.30

Psalms .... Gregorian
Antiphons, etc............ Gregorian
Benediction.
Ave Verum .... Alex Guilmant
Chorus
Tantum Ergo .... Rossini
Trio
Irene Parthenais, Louis Masson and G. H. Perreault

Miss Alma Alexander, organist; H. A. Racicot, director

FIRST TRINITARIAN

The Christmas Festival at the First Trinitarian Congregational church, Dutton street, on Saturday at 4 o'clock, promises to be very attractive. There will be a fine cantata by the children, entitled "Santa Claus and the Star Queen." There will be a new Santa Claus who is to sing some songs and delight the hearts of the children. There will be several Christmas trees, laden with gifts. The "Children of the East," have been especially invited to enjoy this Christmas service with the "Children of the West." It is expected that the children themselves will bring bountiful gifts for the poor and needy in the city.

There will be a musical program of special merit by theChildren's choir and chorus on Sunday morning, who will sing, after long and careful training under the direction of Mrs. Kenngott, many of the "Christmas Classics." The solos by Emile Hartford and Alfaretta Morris, assisted by the chorus and choir, will be inspiring. In the evening, Mr. Kenngott will give the annual illustrated lecture on "The Christmas Story," the particular topic being "The Eastern Star."

There will be a German Christmas service at 4 o'clock with the singing of German Christmas songs by the choir of the German Presbyterian church of Lawrence, whose pastor, Rev. Richard Lange, will preach. The Germans of Lowell are especially invited, though all are welcome and will enjoy the German music.

CALVARY BAPTIST

Sunday Morning 10.30.

Sermon, "The Christian's Home."
Chorus Anthem.
And the Angel Said Unto Them, (Spence)
Quartet,
"Behold I Bring you Good Tidings," (Truette)
Chorus,
"There Were Shepherds," ....Foss
Quartet,
"Home, Sweet Home."

Evening 6.30

Sunday School Concert.
Chorus Anthem,
"O, Lowly, Sacred Stable" .....Landi
Quartet,
"Come Let Us Adore Him,".....Lacey
Chorus Anthem,
"Blessed is He that Cometh"..Berridge
Chorus and Quartet.
F. B. Hill, Organist.

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Walker Street

The Christmas midnight mass will be celebrated tonight at 11.45 o'clock. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Processional, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."
Introit, "He Shall Reign Forever, C. Simper
Graduale, "Away In a Manger."
Gloria Tibi ....Cruickshank
Gratias ....Cruickshank
Credo .... Gilbert
Offertory, "Angels from the Realms of Glory" ....H. J. Stewart
Sursum Corda ....Merbeke
Sanctus ....Gilbert
Benedictus ....Gounod
Agnes Dei ....Gilbert
Communion hymn "O Come All ye Faithful."
Gloria in Excelsis ....Gilbert
Anthem, "The Birthday of a King."
Recessional, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

The soloists are Miss Susan Griffin, Mr. James A. Renwick, Mr. Frank Sladen and Mr. Henry G. Hardy. Harold Stewart, organist.

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Attention — Order of Owls

The second meeting of Lowell Nest will be held at Odd Fellows Temple, 84 Middlesex street, Sunday afternoon, December 26, at 2 o'clock sharp. All who desire to become charter members must have their applications in at this time. Come and bring your friends. Charter for $5.00. The organizer will be at the temple from 11 to 2 for the purpose of receiving applications.

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THE SNEAD CASE

New Question Raised in the Bathtub Mystery

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Was her own constant use of the hypodermic needle the cause of Ocey Snead's death? Col. R. J. Haire, counsel for Mrs. Caroline Martin, the bath tub victim's mother, brought this question to the fore today as he was preparing to appear in court here for the third hearing on the cases of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead, whom the New York authorities are holding pending extradition. Col. Haire declares that he has evidence to show that the young woman was what is known in the popular vernacular as a "dope fiend."

"By that, I mean," said the attorney, "that she used drugs, chiefly morphine, for nearly two years before she died. I have learned this from talking with her mother about the case. The hypodermic needle was used on her when she was seriously ill," continued the attorney, "and after that its employment was constant. She tried to stop the habit and would resist for long periods. Then would come another period of illness and the temptation to secure relief was too great for her to resist. She would go for days and days without food, living on morphine. I am convinced that it was in this condition that she destroyed herself."

Col. Haire said that this would be Mrs. Martin's defense against the charge of murdering her daughter.

Further complications into the maze of contradictory evidence developed today with the discovery of additional documents. They were found by the Brooklyn police in the Henry street house once occupied by the Wardlaws and imbued the detectives with the belief that the entire family had made a suicide pact which was only partly fulfilled by the death of Ocey Snead. The alleged pact is said to be revealed by letters signed by Ocey Snead, by her husband, Fletcher, by Mrs. Martin, her mother, and by her two aunts, Mrs. Mary Snead and Miss Virginia Wardlaw. Accompanying them were several blank forms of power of attorney also signed by Ocey Snead. The documents have been turned over to the New Jersey authorities.

REPORT THAT MADRIZ RESIGNED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A rumor gained currency here today that President Madriz of Nicaragua had resigned. Efforts to trace its source proved unavailing although the representatives of the Estrada party in this city had received word to the same effect. They would not vouch any definite statement nor would any of the other Central American diplomats.

BURNED TO DEATH

HILLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—In a fire here early today nine persons were burned to death. The victims, all foreigners, were a man, his wife, five children and two boarders.

SKINNER DISCHARGED

Removed From the Office of Penal Commissioner

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Mayor George A. Hibbard's Christmas surprise for Penal Commissioner Vernon Skinner today was an order removing Skinner from office and appointing in his place Alpheus Sanford. Mr. Skinner was an appointee of Mayor Hibbard and during the mayoralty campaign of two years ago was one of the present mayor's strongest supporters and campaigners. Mayor Hibbard also directed the newly appointed penal commissioner to remove from office Herbert Carruth, deputy penal commissioner.

Mayor Hibbard bases his action on the allegation that Messrs. Skinner and Carruth have been guilty of "suppression and misrepresentation" of the conditions existing at Deer Island where the Suffolk county house of correction is maintained. The removal of Mr. Skinner followed 26 hours after that official had testified before the finance commission that the penal institution's steamer Monitor had been loaned for private excursions at the request of the mayor or his secretary, Jas. C. White, that officers at the Deer Island institution had been kept in office after having been detected in giving prisoners with morphine, and that intoxication among the officers at the institution was not extremely rare.

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HARRY W. J. HOWE

Removed From the Charity Board by the Mayor

HARRY W. J. HOWE.

JOHN McMANUS

Constable John McManus Appointed to the Vacancy Qualified This Forenoon—Mr. Howe Had Recommended Improvements in Treatment of the Inmates

Charity Commissioner Harry W. J. Howe was removed by the mayor this forenoon. The mayor has appointed Constable John McManus to succeed Mr. Howe. Mr. McManus qualified for the position, in the city clerk's office, this forenoon.

Mr. Howe was appointed by the mayor and was the most active member of the board. He took a special interest in the city farm and paid almost daily visits to that institution. He reported on conditions there and suggested that improvements be made. He said that the inmates were underfed and not properly cared for as a whole. He reported the result of his investigations to the board, of which Mrs. Henry L. Tibbetts is chairman, and the recommendations that Mr. Howe made to the board for the better care of the inmates were consigned to the waste basket. Mr. Howe's removal under the circumstances will bring no discredit upon him.

The mayor's letter to the city clerk, apprising that official of the removal of Mr. Howe and the appointment of Mr. McManus, reads as follows:

December 24, 1909.

Mr. Girard P. Dadman, City Clerk, Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir—I hereby notify you that I have this day removed Mr. Harry W. J. Howe as a member of the Lowell board of charities, said removal to take effect forthwith, and have appointed to succeed him, Mr. John McManus.

This I have done under authority vested in me by section 2 of chapter 337 of the acts of 1906.

Truly yours,
Geo. H. Brown.

Mr. McManus served on the board of overseers of the poor about four years ago. The board then was made up of one man from each ward, and Mr. McManus was from ward five.

LAW IS INVALID

TOPEKA, Dec. 24.—Judge C. Pollock in the United States district court today here in a decision declared the Kansas bank guaranty law to be invalid.

CARDINAL SATOLLI ILL

ROME, Dec. 24.—The condition of Cardinal Francis Satolli became suddenly worse today through the complication of blood poisoning with the nephritis from which he has suffered. Receiving cablegrams from Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Farley, the prelate commented: "My American friends give me my last consolation."

MADRIZ ORGANIZING CABINET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The only bit of news from Nicaragua received today came from Consul Caldera at Managua. The telegram stated that Madriz was organizing a cabinet made up of liberals and conservatives, mostly from Leon, his home city.

This is assumed to mean that Madriz is making an effort to carry water on both shoulders, with the probability that he will meet with catastrophe. Estrada, it is believed here, is reorganizing his army with a view to taking up promptly the march westward over the mountains to Managua. That he will have little opposition is generally believed, and there are indications that a considerable percentage of the prisoners taken at Rama will subscribe to the oath of allegiance to the Estrada provisional government and join Estrada's army in operations against Managua and the west coast cities.

The state department officials are reticent as to their purposes with respect to the person of Zelaya, the former president. When questioned today as to whether the United States would take measures to prevent Zelaya from leaving the country they declined to answer.

MARTIN TRIAL

"Don't Be Jealous" the Letters Read

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Etta Hamilton Martin, the Brooklyn singer, who is being sued for an absolute divorce, took the stand in her own defense before Judge Crane yesterday and managed to enter stout denials of wrongdoing with several of the eight co-respondents.

An affidavit made by Mrs. Caroline Hagar, who has sung in various choirs with Mrs. Martin, was read to her. Mrs. Hagar swore Mrs. Martin told her that her husband was one "of those soft-soapy individuals" that she could wind him around her finger, and that the kind of man she loved was a man of many moods, one who "could be a gentleman at times, and who can get drunk and who is masterful, and who will beat me once in a while."

Mrs. Martin denied the conversation, as she denied also, that she had called her husband a "hoob."

Attorney Baldwin, for the husband, read a number of "daily letters," which Mrs. Martin is said to have written to her husband in 1905, when she was at Cottage City. They all began "My Dearest Edward." One read in part:

"Father preached a sermon today and it was a nice sermon, but too long for such a warm day. Don't be too jealous of our new tenant. He is merely musical. Hugs and kisses for you and you only."

"Sue's friend came down today in a Winton and we had the lovellest ride," ran another letter. "I am just crazy for you, Edward, to buy an auto, for I believe that it would take your mind off butter and eggs—at least for a while. It is very exciting.

Mr. Martin is a produce merchant.

A third letter read:

"Your snippy letter received this afternoon. You know that I love you and you love me. Don't bother with the others' advice."

Mrs. Martin admitted that she called Frank G. Morris, the lawyer co-respondent, "Frank," and that he called her "Etta." She said he simply took singing lessons of her. She denied that on the day before last Christmas she had used his "charge check" at a Brooklyn store to buy a diamond and sapphire ring for herself.

WARREN RIORDAN

To be Secretary to Mayor Meehan

John F. Meehan, mayor-elect today announced that he had named Warren P. Riordan as his private secretary. Mr. Riordan is a well known young resident of Lowell, having lived in Pawtucketville for a number of years. He is district manager of the Robert Appleton company of New York City, the well known publishers.

DEATHS

HOOLAHAN—Mrs. Mabel Hoolahan, aged 28 years, wife of Patrick Hoolihan, died today at their home, 37 North street.

FULL MARKET REPORT

For complete report of today's New York and Boston stock markets see next edition.

NO SUN TOMORROW

There will be no edition of The Sun published tomorrow.

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Morning, afternoon and evening sessions, Christmas day.

Christmas Tomorrow in the Electric Home

The Christmas tree sparkling with tiny electric lights, so safe, no open flames, strung on a cord and attached to any lamp socket. An electric chafing dish for sister; an electric iron for mother; electric cigar lighter for father; and electric heating pad for grandmother.

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HENS WERE STOLEN

The Brunswick Police Kept Busy Rounding Up Gang

BRUNSWICK, Me., Dec. 24.—After a month of ease, during which there has scarcely been an arrest, even for intoxication, the police were on the jump yesterday, rounding up a gang, two members of which have already confessed to breaking and entering and to robbing hen roosts.

Monday night 20 valuable hens were stolen from Lemuel S. Wilson of Great island, Harpswell, and the next day the police learned that 20 hens had been stolen from Mrs. Anne Dyer of Freeport. Yesterday Winfield E. Collins, 19 years old, was arrested and told the police that he and Edward Russell, 45 years old, had stolen the hens and after dressing them had shipped them to the Bath market.

He also implicated Russell and Harry Alexander, 24 years old, of Boston. Alexander was found in a logging camp in the western part of the town, but when he saw the officers, ran and it was necessary to fire several shots after him. Alexander confessed to breaking and entering and stealing clothing and groceries from the cottage of L. M Johnson of Boston at Gurnet bridge. He implicated Russell in the break.

Russell learned that the officers were after him and gave them a long chase. He finally crossed the thin ice on the Androscoggin river and escaped in Topsham. Late last night it was learned that he had returned to Brunswick and the police are making an attempt to round him up. It is thought that these men may be connected with other breaks which have been made along the shores this fall.

MANY PERSONS DROWNED

MADRID, Dec. 24.—Heavy rains near the Portuguese frontier have caused floods and the destructon has assumed the proportions of a catastrophe. At Ciudad Rodrigo at least eleven persons have been drowned and hundreds are homeless. Some fifty houses have collapsed and many others are submerged.

The valley of the Tormes river to the north of Salamanca is possessed by a raging torrent. Bridges have been swept away, roadbeds washed out, cattle killed and crops ruined. The village of Tiguellino is under water. The Douro river is out of its banks and the adjoining district has been badly flooded. The beds of the railroad lines leading towards Portugal have been washed out and the service is tied up. Communication by telegraph throughout the range of the floods has been interrupted. Troops were dispatched to Salamanca today to aid in the work of rescue.

WOMAN OF TRAGEDY

Pleaded Guilty to a Charge of Manslaughter

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Louise La Barti, the young woman who killed Dominick Veraisi a few months ago, in the belief that he had killed her husband, pleaded guilty yesterday before Justice Pounds in the supreme court to a charge of manslaughter in the first degree. She was sentenced to the Bedford reformatory, from which she probably will be released in three months.

"Another bad Christmas," murmured Mrs. La Barti as she was taken back to the Tombs.

Within eight years this woman has lost her six children by death, her husband by murder, and her parents, together with seven other relatives, in the earthquake at Messina.

Mrs. La Barti was married when she was 15 and her husband 17, in Italy. They came to America, and, although they had many children, the little ones faded and died. The last boy died while Mrs. La Barti was on trial.

The husband was slain mysteriously last summer, and Mrs. La Barti declared she herself would avenge him. She went out and found Veraisi, whom she shot to death.

Abraham Levy defended Mrs. La Barti. When she was arraigned yesterday the district attorney's office also asked that the court show clemency. The following letter from Mrs. La Barti to her lawyer was presented to the court:

"Please Mr. Levy, beg the judge to have pity on me, because I don't think I knew what I did do. I lost all my sense, for the reason that four days before I was arrested the only last child that would have consoled me died. Please help me.

"Your unfortunate client,
"Louise La Barti."

FUNERAL NOTICES

ADAMS—Grace Pearl, second daughter of Joseph E. and Fannie C. Adams of Chelmsford, died at the Lowell hospital this morning, at 7 o'clock. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary B. Flemings, 177 Fort Hill avenue. Friends are invited. Burial private.

KELLEY—The funeral of the late George G. Kelley will take place from the Centralville Methodist church, Bridge street at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Friends invited.

THATCHER—The funeral of Mrs. Wm. H. Thatcher will take place on Sunday afternoon, December 26th, from her late home, 90 South Whipple street at 2 o'clock. Friends invited. Please omit flowers.

TO AID SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—To relieve the starvation of the captured soldiers of the Zelayan army at Rama and to furnish much needed aid to soldiers of both the Nicaragua government forces and the insurgents who were injured in the battle near Rama, the United States government today ordered the cruiser Prairie, now at Colon, to take on board $5000 worth of staple supplies secured by funds of the American Red Cross society and proceed with all possible haste to Bluefields.

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6 O'CLOCK

MISS JEAN CLEMENS

Daughter of Mark Twain Found Drowned in Bathtub

REDDING, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Jean Clemens, daughter of Samuel Clemens, (Mark Twain) was found drowned in a bath tub in Mr. Clemens' home here today.

The bath room in which Miss Clemens' death occurred adjoined her sleeping apartment on the second floor of the Clemens home "Stormfield." Miss Clemens arose about seven o'clock this morning and went into the bathroom alone. When the maid entered Miss Clemens' dressing room about 7.30 she did not find her there and stepping to the door of the bath room called to her. Receiving no response she entered the bath room and discovered the body of Miss Clemens lying in the tub which was partially filled with water. The household was immediately aroused and a telephone message was sent to Dr. Ernest L. Smith of Redding Ridge, the only physician within easy driving distance of "Stormfield." Dr. Smith reached the house within a few minutes after receiving the call. Life was apparently extinct but the physician worked over the body nearly an hour, endeavoring by means of artificial respiration to restore action. He was unsuccessful.

Dr. Smith who is medical examiner for the town of Redding stated this afternoon that the cause of death was drowning and that there was no doubt in his mind that the drowning was accidental, resulting from unconsciousness following an epileptic attack. He was of the opinion that the young woman expired about one hour before he reached her. Miss Clemens had been subjected to attacks of epilepsy, the last serious attack occurring about a month ago. Attacks of this nature were usually followed by a period of unconsciousness.

Miss Jean Clemens, whose tragic death occurred today, was one of the two surviving daughters of Mark Twain and was the one associated with his recent literary work. The other daughter, Clara, married the Russian pianist, Ossip Gabrilowitch last October and only two weeks ago bade her father good-bye and departed for Europe with her husband. This left Miss Jean as the remaining member of the family with Mr. Clemens at the family homestead at Redding, Conn. The daughter was the constant companion of her father, acting to some extent as his assistant secretary and literary amanuensis. She was a young woman of varied accomplishments, having traveled widely and lived for a time in Germany. Her literary tendencies followed those of her father and she had his vivacity of manner. Her tastes were literary rather than social, so that she did not often appear at social gatherings in New York. Her devotion for her father was shown only yesterday when she personally telephoned the Associated Press a statement from her father, humorously dismissing the report that he was dying. Miss Clemens at that time spoke affectionately of her father's present good health and made cheery reference to this happy family condition at the holiday season.

It is believed that Miss Clemens suffered from an attack of epilepsy while in the bath and was drowned while in a convulsion. She had suffered from epilepsy for a number of years.

MARK TWAINS COMMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Samuel L. Clemens returned here last Monday from his winter vacation in Bermuda and went at once to his home in Redding, Conn. The author complained of pain in his left breast. Since the death of his close friend, Henry H. Rogers, the financier, Mr. Clemens has felt much depressed and the death of his daughter today, his friends here fear, will prove a serious shock to the aged writer.

Speaking of his daughter, Mr. Clemens said:

"My daughter, Jean Clemens, passed from this life suddenly this morning at half past seven o'clock.

"All the last half of her life she was an epileptic, but she grew better lately. For the past two years we considered her practically well, but she was not allowed to be entirely free. Her maid, who has served us 28 years, was always with her when she went to New York on shopping trips and such things. She had very few convulsions in the past wo years and those she had were not violent. At 7.30 this morning a maid went to her room to see why she did not come down to breakfast and found her in her bathtub, drowned. It means that she had a convulsion and could not get out.

"She had been leading a very active life. She spent the greater part of her time looking after a farm which I bought for her and she did much of my secretary work besides. Last night she and I chatted later than usual in the library and she told me all her plans about the housekeeping for she was also my housekeeper. I said everything was going so smoothly that I thought I would make another trip to Bermuda in February and she said to put it off till March and she and her maid would go with me. So we made that arrangement. But she is gone, poor child. She was all I had left except Clara, who married Mr. Gabrilowitch lately, and had just arrived in Europe."

BROKAW CASE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—W. Gould Brokaw's serial story of denial was continued on the witness stand at Lincoln today. The testimony of the defendant in his wife's suit for a separation and alimony broadly speaking has been a succession of "I did nots," "It is not so's" and "I have never seens" in reply to Mrs. Brokaw's charges of abuse, jealousy and other actions that made life miserable for the couple.

Mrs. Brokaw appeared unusually agitated today as the time approached for his cross questioning. He scanned his notes carefully through his pearl lorgnette, peeping over nervously once in a while to the table where Lawyer Baldwin was going through the bulky record of the trial in preparation for the grilling but carefully avoiding his wife's eyes as she sat, pale and worn, by her attorney's side.

The note of reconciliation was again struck in Mr. Brokaw's testimony today. Asked by Mr. McIntyre if he had any unkindly feelings for his wife, Mr. Brokaw declared that he had not, but that her accusations that he had on several occasions been in company with other women had annoyed him greatly.

"Would you be willing to live with her again?" he was asked.

"I would," replied Mr. Brokaw, "if I could place any faith in her promises."

The defendant went on to say, however, that he believed he lacked that faith now. Mrs. Brokaw had promised many times after their quarrels, he said, never to annoy him again but she had always broken her promises.

A quarrel that came near culminating in divorce proceedings was described by the witness. It occurred when he returned to the St. Regis from a three days' automobile trip. Mrs. Brokaw, he said, accused him of having been in another woman's company and when he denied it she called him a liar. The quarrel grew in proportion from his wife's continued "nagging," Mr. Brokaw said, and the upshot of the matter was that they both telephoned for their lawyers. There was a consultation and a threat of legal proceedings on Mr. Brokaw's part for a separation. It was a flash in the pan, however.

Mrs. Brokaw's attorney persuaded him to abandon his intention and he gave her a couple of kisses and made up.

Mr. McIntyre asked Mr. Brokaw about the "Doctor Chapman incident," brought out in Mr. Brokaw's testimony. "I never charged my wife with attempting to elope with that physician," declared Mr. Brokaw. "I don't believe anybody would elope with him. He is too effeminate. I never threatened to kill him, but I did tell him that Mrs. Brokaw was my wife, that I would have him arrested if he did not allow Mrs. Brokaw to continue to ride with me in my automobile and that I would thrash him if he attempted to interfere with me."

Mr. Brokaw came to the "locked door" feature of the case.

"Whenever I tried to say anything important to my wife I always found the door of her room locked on me and a nurse or maid with her. On one occasion I pushed in the door because what I had to speak about was important. I never went into my wife's room to call her names," continued Mr. Brokaw. "I often went in to love and kiss her. Of course, that may have bored her."

Mr. Brokaw acknowledged that he had instructed his chauffeur not to take Mrs. Brokaw to the home of a certain woman he did not like. Mr. Brokaw referred to another telegram which had figured in the plaintiff's exhibits. It was to his manager, Henry, at Great Neck, and read:

"Wire if party remained in town all night."

Mr. Brokaw said that he wanted to know if Mrs. Brokaw spent the night in the city against her doctor's advice. Regarding these and other messages, Mr. Brokaw said: "It is not true that I sent those messages for the purpose of having my servants spying on my wife. I was solicitous about her health, and wanted to know how she was getting on."

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 24.—The Toronto express on the C. P. R. which left here Wednesday was wrecked yesterday afternoon east of Fort William. Forty passengers are reported seriously injured. First reports had forty killed. All wires are down and the first and only information was received over the dispatchers telephone wire.

NEW TRIAL ASKED

In the Case of Mantir and Delorey, Convicted of Murder

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 24.—Arguments for new trials for James Mantir of Manchester, N. H., and Peter Delorey of Somerville, who were recently convicted of causing the death of Annie Mullins, were made before Judges Fox and White in the superior court today. The ground upon which a new trial was asked was the alleged insufficiency of the evidence.

Mantir was convicted of murder in the second degree and Delorey of manslaughter.

FUNERALS

DEVINE—The funeral of Mrs. Ann Devine, a resident of Lowell since 1851, took place this morning from her late home, 61 Chapel street, and was largely attended, many of the older Catholic families of Lowell being in attendance at the funeral. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church, where high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. John J. Burns. The choir, under the direction of James E. Donnelly, gave the Gregorian chant. At the offertory Miss May E. Whiteley sang "O Meritum Passionis." After the elevation Mr. Donnelly sang "Jesu Salvator Mundi," and as the remains were being borne from the church, the choir sang "In Paradisium." Mrs. J. W. McKennedy presided at the organ. The bearers were Messrs. James H. Maguire, Dennis F. Maguire, Joseph P. Devine and John J. Devine, nephews of the deceased, and Timothy F. Donohue and John F. Egan. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery, Rev. Fr. Burns officiating at the grave. Burial was in charge of Thomas J. McDermott, and the arrangements were in charge of Nathan D. Pratt. Among the many floral tributes laid upon the grave were the following:

Large pillow of pinks, roses and chrysanthemums with the inscription "Wife and Mother," from the family; pillow of roses, pinks and chrysanthemums with the inscription "Sister," from her three sisters, Mary, Ellen and Bridget; large wreath of galax leaves with violets, sympathy of Mrs. K. F. McCartin; wreath of roses, pinks and chrysanthemums, Philip Joseph Maguire; wreath of pinks, roses and galax leaves, sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Sheehan; large wreath of roses, pinks, violets and galax leaves, sympathy of the neighbors; large wreath of pinks, roses and galax leaves, sympathy of James E. O'Donnell; sheaf of wheat with purple ribbon inscribed "With the Angels" little Joseph Crowe; large spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Morrison; large spray of pinks with ribbon inscribed "Good Bye," from Mildred Banks; spray of pinks, sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Halstead; large wreath of galax leaves, pinks and roses, sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, of Peabody, Mass.; large wreath of pinks, violets, roses and ivy leaves, sympathy of Richard A. Griffin; large basket of pinks and roses, sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Welsh; spray of pinks from Addie and George Bickner; sheaf of wheat, sympathy of Miss Gertrude McDonald; large standing wreath on base, sympathy of friends; large wreath of roses, pinks and chrysanthemums, sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Pratt; large wreath of roses, carnations and galax leaves from Robert J. Crowley.

TO JILT FIANCEE

Man Said That He Was Wed

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Harry Raphel's failure to keep his alleged promise to marry pretty Miss Rebecca Persky, because "his wife" wouldn't let him, will cost him $1200.

Miss Persky sued Raphel in supreme court. After hearing both parties to the action, a jury decided yesterday that the damage done to the affections of the young woman would be compensated for by this sum instead of the $50,000 she demanded. Attorney Robert Bell represented her in court. M. S. Levine appeared for Raphel.

Miss Persky told the court that Raphel, a Grand street clothing merchant, had courted her ardently and had received her consent to marry him on July 5, 1907. As a preliminary argument, she said, he had showed her his bank book. They were to be wedded, she claimed, the following December.

"When the day for the wedding was near," the plaintiff said, "Mr. Raphel came to me and gave me the surprise of my life."

"'I've deceived you,' he confessed. 'I never can be your husband. I'm married now and my wife won't let me.'"

When she had recovered from the shock, she thought of a possible way to get around the difficulty.

"How about a divorce?" she asked.

According to Miss Persky, her alleged fiance seemed pleased with the suggestion. "I'll get one," she says he told her.

Soon afterward, she informed the jury, she was shown by Raphel legal papers, which he claimed were court documents in the divorce case.

Finally it came to the point where Miss Persky asked to be shown better proofs. Then, she said, Raphel informed her the wife he had was an imaginary one and that there never had been a material Mrs. Raphel. The suit followed.

MARINES LANDED

COLON, Dec. 24.—The seven hundred marines under command of Col. William P. Biddle, who arrived here on board the auxiliary cruiser Prairie on Wednesday, were landed this morning. Marines will go by train to Camp Elliott in the canal zone where they will await further orders from Washington.

HENRY LUTENDER'S HOUSE

Henry Lutender, who lived on the second floor of the double tenement house in Wilson street, North Billerica, that was damaged by fire yesterday afternoon, is the secretary and treasurer of No. Billerica lodge 85, of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employes. The purpose of this lodge is to exalt the character and increase the ability of Maintenance-of-way employes to perform their duties.

DR. COOK EXPELLED

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Explorer's club this afternoon accepted by a unanimous vote the report of its committee which investigated Dr. F. A. Cook's Mount McKinley claims, and he was expelled from membership.

SEN. McLAURIN BURIED

BRANDER, Miss., Dec. 24.—The funeral of the late United States Senator A. J. McLaurin took place here this afternoon. Despite a heavy rain hundreds of prominent Mississippians took part in the ceremony. Services were held in the Brander Methodist church and were conducted by the Rev. C. F. Emery.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Programs of the Catholic Church Choirs For Tomorrow

Christmas Day will be observed in all the Catholic churches tomorrow with services of surpassing beauty, grand music and eloquent sermons on a theme "ever ancient, ever new." Of the Christmas music Washington Irving long ago wrote: "The services of the church about this season are extremely tender and inspiring; they dwell on the beautiful story of the origin of our faith, and the pastoral scenes that accompanied its announcement; they gradually increase in fervor and pathos during the season of Advent, until they break forth in full jubilee on the morning that brought peace and good will to men. I do not know a grander effect of music on the moral feelings than to hear a full choir and the pealing organ performing a Christmas anthem in a cathedral filling every part of the vast pile with triumphant harmony."

The programs of the different churches are as follows:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass 11 O'clock

Processional, "There's a Song in the Air."
Carols—"Sleep, Holy Babe," "Dear Little One," "Adeste Fideles."
Introit—"Puer Natus" .....Capocci
Sanctuary Choir
Mass—"St. Philip Neri".....Sewell
Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei,
Church Choir
Graduale—"Viderunt Omnes."
Falkenstein
Sanctuary Quartet
Offertory—"Tui sunt coeli,"
J. B. Tresch
Sanctuary Quaretet
Motet—"Nato Nobis"...Van Reyschoot
Church Choir
Communion—"Viderunt" ..Falkenstein
Recessional—"Hark, the Herald Angels."
Sanctuary Choir
Responses by the Sanctuary Choir of 80 voices. Brother John, Director.
Church Quartet—Miss Alice Murphy, Soprano; Mrs. James Morris, Contralto; Mr. John McNabb, Tenor; Mr. D. S. O'Brien, Bass, assisted by Mr. Andrew McCarthy, Baritone, a chorus of 40 voices and Mr. M. J. Johnson at the organ.

Solem Vespers, 7 O'Clock

Processional: "There's a Song in the Air."
Carols:
"The Snow Lay on The Ground."
"Dear Little One."
"O Holy Night." Soprano solo, John Bolan. Violin Obligato, John Bardon.
Sanctuary Choir.
Psalms:
Dixit Dominus.
Confitebor.
Beatus vir.
De Profundis.
Memento Domine
(Plain Chant)
Sung antiphonally by Church and Sanctuary Choirs with antiphons by Church Quartet.
Hymn:
"Jesu Redemptor"....Donat Mueller
Church Choir.
"Magnificat." (Plain Chant).
"Alma Redemptoris".....Pleyel
Church Choir.
Benediction:
"O Salutaris".....C. Saint Saens
Mr. Andrew McCarthy.
"Tantum Ergo" ..... Bozaris Fills
Church Choir.
"Laudate Dominum."
Recessional: "Hark the Herald Angels"
Sanctuary Choir.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass 10.30 O'Clock

The sanctuary choir, under the direction of the Rev. John Burns, will assist the church choir at the solemn high mass at 10.30 o'clock and at the vespers in the evening. The following musical program has been arranged for both services:

Processional, March Pontificate, Gounod
Introit,
Sanctuary Choir
Kyrie ..... St. Philip Neri
Gloria ..... St. Philip Neri
Graduale,
Sanctuary Choir
Veni Creator, Quartet .....Atwood
Credo ..... St. Philip Neri
Offertory, Adeste Fidelis,
Sanctuary Choir.
Sanctus ..... St. Philip Neri
Agnus Dei .....St. Philip Neri
Recessional, Nato Nobis.....Reyschoot

Vespers at 7 O'Clock

Organ Prelude ..... Dubois
Psalms ..... Gregorian
Magnifical ..... Gregorian
Sanctuary Choir
Christmas Hymns,
Sanctuary Choir
Alma Redemptoris .....Pleyel
O Salutaris ..... Wiegand
Tantum Ergo .....Falkenstein
Postlude, Organ .....L. Wely

The soloists will be Misses Mary Whiteley and Gertrude Kelcher, sopranos; Misses Julia Kenney and Mary Duggan, altos; Messrs. James E. Donnelly and Frank Kane, baritones; Messrs. William Thornton and Edward Martin, basses; Messrs. C. F. Calnan and John F. Roane, tenors; Mr. J. W. McKennedy, organist and directress.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Walker, organist, will assist as usual at the Christmas services throughout the day begining with high mass at 6 a.m. At this service the music will include Kumin's mass in D; the motet, "Adeste Fidelis," soloist, Mr. Charles P. Smith and Robinson's "Christmas Morn." At 10.30 a.m. solemn high mass will be celebrated and the beautiful and brilliant Kalliwoda Mass in A will be sung by the great choir of seventy voices and the following quartet: Mrs. Sarah McCaffrey Cox, Miss Margaret Knowles, Mr. John J. Dalton and Mr. William L. Gookin. The solos of the inspiring offertory hymn, Van Reyschoot's "Noel" will be sung by Mrs. Eugene P. McOsker.

Vespers and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be solemnized at 6.30 p. m. The music for both services is elaborate. Among the noteworthy numbers are Emmerich's psalms; Mozart's Magnificat; the hymn, "Jesu Redemptor" by a male

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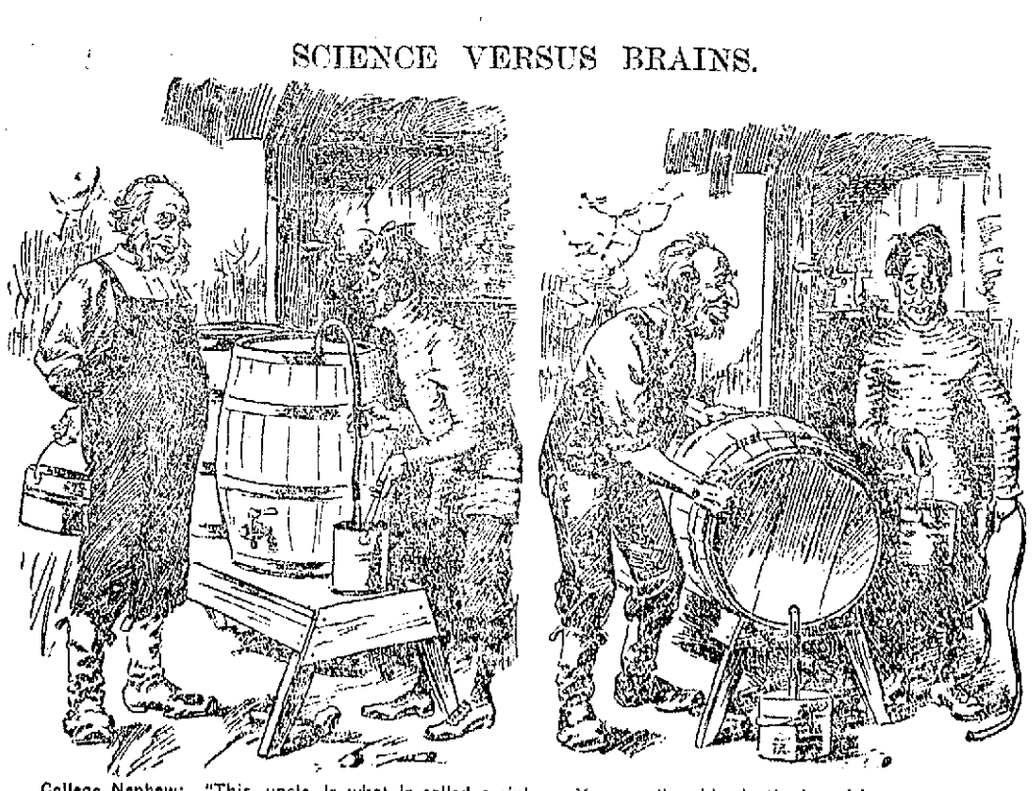
KING ALFONSO ILL

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Gil Blas today prints a private communication from Madrid stating that the condition of King Alfonso has created the gravest anxiety in court circles. Another operation is imperative.

For time disturbing and persistent rumors regarding the health of the king of Spain have been circulated. The exact nature of his ailment has been concealed from the public. It is understood, however, that the post-nasal parts and the inner ear are affected. One of the symptoms has been a slight deafness. Last July King Alfonso is said to have been operated upon at Biarritz for the removal of a growth in the nose. A somewhat similar operation had been performed a month earlier.

WIT AND HUMOR FOR SUN READERS

SCIENCE VERSUS BRAINS.



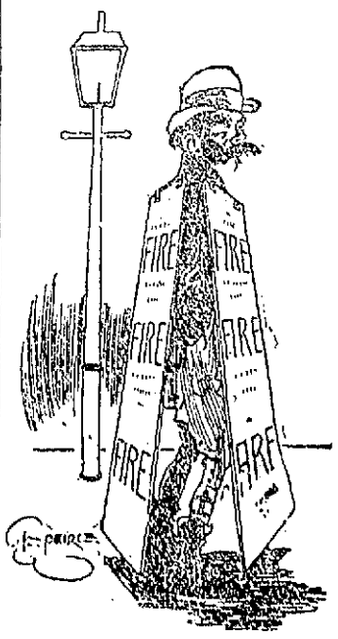
College Nephew: "This, uncle, is what is called a siphon. You see, the cider in the barrel has now got down below the spigot level, and in order to get it out I take a rubber tube, insert it into the barrel till it meets the fluid, apply suction to the free end, a vacuum is formed, the fluid rushes into the vacuum, and the atmospheric pressure sustains it until the pail is filled. You see, uncle, only for science I would not know how to get that cider out." Uncle Abner: "I see, sonny—not only for brains I wouldn't know how to get it out."

GETTING FULL VALUE.

"I have changed doctors."

"Feel any better?"

"I can't say that I do, but this doctor gives me a disease with a much longer name for the money."



"HOT WORDS PASSED ON BOTH SIDES."

PARENTAL ADMONITION.

Uncle Abe (sternly): "I tells yo', Hennery, youse makin' a bad stant in life. A man doan' min' missin' a fowl 'casshunly, but w'en he wakes up an' fin's de whole flock missin' he's laikly tor mek trubble. Ef youse gwine ter ac' in sech a dis'on'able manuah as dis yo' had bettah stop 'ntirely. A man dat 'proprlates moah dan one fowl at er tahm kain't 'xpect ter be a consistent Christian an' a respected membah ob de chu'ch."

LATEST

FIREMEN KILLED

At Fire in Lewiston, Me., Early This Morning

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 24.—Two firemen were killed and several injured, three severely but not critically, today by a fire which destroyed the three story wooden block on Lisbon street owned by Callahan Bros. and containing two stores and three tenements.

The dead:

PHILIP BASINET, aged about 35, Lewiston fireman.

THOMAS KING, aged about 33, Lewiston fireman.

The severely injured:

Frank Dulac, Auburn fireman, broken shoulder.

I. L. Robins, Lewiston fireman, hurt about the knee.

Daniel Adams, Auburn fireman, cut and bruised.

Ten men, all of whom were firemen and including Chief Moriarty of the Lewiston fire department, were working on the ruins of the block after having placed the fire under control when suddenly and unexpectedly two walls collapsed, the timbers evidently having been burned off and the three floors dropped to the cellar.

Bystanders and other firemen of the Lewiston and Auburn departments, both of which had been called out to practically their full strength, worked desperately to release their comrades many of whom were thought to be killed or injured, and succeeded in liberating all except Basinet and King within a few minutes. They were killed by the heavy timbers and their bodies were recovered 20 minutes afterward.

It was found that Chief Moriarty had been struck by the falling wall, but not injured to any extent. Four or five firemen received injuries which varied from a broken shoulder, in the case of Frank Dulac, the Auburn fireman, to slight cuts. Isaac Robins, the Lewiston fireman whose knee was injured, is engaged in the coal and wood business.

The Callahan block was in the business section and numbered 284-286 and 288 Lisbon street. It was occupied on the ground floor by the market of C. H. Cloutier, which was somewhat famous for its stock of game and the Quillette general store. Two or three families, in number a dozen people, rented tenements in the upper floors. All these left the building in safety. The fire had been smouldering for nearly two hours and was supposed to have been under control when suddenly it burst but in all parts of the block. The building was gutted and the collapse of the walls followed.

The total loss on the buildings and contents was estimated at $20,000, of which amount fifty per cent. was on the Cloutier market. There was a partial insurance.

Basinet leaves a widow and six children. King was married and had a family.

DEATH REPORT

With Causes Assigned for Past Week

The following report of deaths is for the present week up to today:

Dec.
17—Ellen Mahoney, 65, int. obstruction.
George S. Fenderson, 59, peritonitis.
Samuel Renaud, Jr., 52, endocarditis.
John J. Griffin, 31, appendicitis.
18—Anna E. Watson, 64, carcinoma.
Olive P. Jenkins, 64, surgical shock.
Mary C. Maguire, 36, lobar pneumonia.
Ethel I. Berry, 17, carcinoma.
Gilman W. Gentle, 5 mos., bro. pneumonia.
19—Mary E. Reed, 82, fracture of hip.
Emile Gelluas, 59, paralysis.
Ezaore Machado, 1, bro. pneumonia.
Grace McCluskey, 10 mos., measles.
Mary Ritchott, 1 day, atelectasis.
20—Wolf Weiss, 42, disease of heart.
Stephano Doksaver, 1, gastric indigestion.
John Sullivan, 69, disease of heart.
Mary E. Allen, 36, pneumonia.
Margaret P. Whitney, 1, bro. pneumonia.
Michael Generies, 1 mo., enteritis.
21—Joseph Kane, 1 day, tedious labor.
Carrie L. Smith, 43, carcinoma.
Joseph Vallerand, 34, cer. hem.
Marion Higson, 8 mos., cap. bronchitis.
Catherine V. Catterall, 24 days, gastro enteritis.
22—Ann Devine, 73, cer. hem.
Marie J. Samson, 1, measles.
23—Myrtle Fowler, 5 mos., entero peritonitis.
Girard P. Dadman, City Clerk.

ALLEGED SHOPLIFTERS

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Two alleged shoplifters were held for the grand jury and eight received sentences of imprisonment in the municipal court yesterday. The two who were held for the higher court are Rose Amos and Elizabeth Williams of New York. They were charged with the larceny of a fur coat valued at $375.

Annette E. Curley of Watertown and Helen E. McCarthy of Swampscott, for larceny of $30 worth of merchandise, each received a sentence of 20 days.

Jessie Lang, for the larceny of $4 worth of jewelry, got 14 days; Mary Emery, for the larceny of merchandise valued at $15, received 30 days, and Mary Morrill of Lynn got a similar sentence. Mary E. Averill, on her plea of guilty, got 30 days for larceny of $20 worth of merchandise, and Annie Sawyer got 14 days.

Mary E. McLean of Dorchester said that her arrest for the larceny of a muff was a mistake. Judge Duff remembered that the muff she had yesterday was not the same one showed the court the previous day, and she got 20 days.

MR. PRENDERGAST'S PLANS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—That Comptroller Prendergast intends to run his department on an economical basis was made evident yesterday when employes learned that after Jan. 3 they would have to work two extra hours each day. The new schedule requires them to report at 8 a. m. and work until 5 p. m.

It was learned also that the comptroller intends to install time clocks.

Be a Brownie tonight, Associate.

$75,000 TO CITY

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—After relatives of George Rhodius had protested against the opening of his will, on the allegation that he was under the control of Elma Dare, the will was filed in the probate court yesterday and was discovered to bequeath to Indianapolis $75,000 for improvement of its park system, cutting off his former wife without a cent.

Rhodius left an estate valued at approximately one million dollars. Three years ago he and Elma Dare were married at Louisville. It was alleged that she had abducted him from his hotel here. The couple was pursued by detectives to New York and Pittsburg and brought back to this city. The courts annulled the marriage, but Elma Dare appealed to the supreme court where the case awaits decision.

WEDDING PERMIT

Was Refused Antonio Silva

Antonio Silva called at the city clerk's office for a license and the city clerk, or one of his assistants, said: "Nay, nay Antonio." For why? Because Antonio's father had called at the city clerk's office. He had anticipated Antonio's intentions and told the city clerk not to grant Antonio a license because he was a minor. Just for that Antonio had to back up. He admitted that he was a minor, but that he had only a few months to go before he could think for himself. It looks as if Antonio, ardent youth, and the girl, too, would have to wait.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

BARBER SHOPS WILL CLOSE TOMORROW

Find out whether your barber shop is going to be closed all day tomorrow or not, lest you find yourself with a beard on Christmas. The down town barbers it is understood will close all day tomorrow.

TO WIND UP AFFAIRS

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A proposition to wind up the affairs of the Metropolitan S. S. Co. by the sale of the four freight steamers and the sending of the turbine passenger boats Harvard and Yale to the Pacific coast was announced today by John W. McKinnon and the Assets Realization Co., the legal purchasers of the property at the recent foreclosure sale.

It is expected that the sale of the steamer James Whitney, H. M. Whitney, Herman Winter and H. F. Dimock together with the good-will will be sufficient to retire $1,000,000 of the $2,500,000 of the 5 per cent first mortgage bonds. The consent of the bondholders is necessary, however, for the consummation of the plan. The proposition to send the Harvard and Yale to the Pacific has been broached before, the idea being that they would be available there all the year round, while on this side they are laid up more than five months. If bondholders agree to the plan the remaining $1,500,000 of bonds will be exchanged for bonds in the new company.

TO RETAIN PORTFOLIOS

BRUSSELS, Dec. 24.—King Albert has asked Premier Scollart and his colleagues to retain their portfolios. The inventory of the estate of the late King Leopold will be begun upon the demand of the princesses, probably on Monday. The civil list for the past twenty years will be examined.

KING'S DAUGHTER LEAVES CITY

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A special from Brussels says that Louise, the eldest daughter of the late King Leopold, has left that city without effecting a reconciliation with his sisters and that King Albert's efforts to induce her to resume her place as a royal princess have failed. The special says that Louise has elected to rejoin Count Mattachich, with whom she has been living at Budapest.

TRANSPORT DIXIE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The transport Dixie which took 700 marines and a cargo of camp equipment to Colon for a possible campaign in Nicaragua, passed in the Delaware Capes at 7 a. m. today and will arrive at the Philadelphia navy yard late this afternoon. While at the yard the work of making repairs to the ship which was interrupted when she took the place of the transport Prairie will be completed. The Dixie will be kept ready for sea as she may be called upon to make another quick run to Central America with marines and supplies.

Be a Brownie tonight, Associate.

LAID AT REST

Funeral of Late Peter Burns This Morning

The funeral of the late Peter Burns, a well known citizen and father of a prominent Catholic family of this city, took place this morning from the Sacred Heart church and was largely attended. Solemn high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. L. F. Tighe, O. M. I., assisted by Rev. T. Wade Smith, O. M. I., deacon, and Rev. Bernard Fletcher, O. M. I., sub deacon. The music of the mass was given by the sanctuary choir under direction of Mrs. Adelaide Muldoon, and the Gregorian chant was sung. At the offertory "O Salutaris" was given, and as the remains were borne from the church the choir rendered "De Profundis." The bearers were Messrs. John Welsh, Francis Danahy, James Reynolds, Michael J. Clancey, James E. Holland and James H. Howard. The burial was in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Smith, pastor of the Sacred Heart church, read the committal service, assisted by Rev. Fr. Tighe. The interment and funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker James W. McKenna. Among the many floral tributes of rare beauty laid upon the grave were the following: Large pillow of roses and pinks, inscribed "Father," from the family; standing cross of roses and carnations, inscribed on base "Grandpa," from the grandchildren of the deceased; sheaf of wheat from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burrows; wreath of roses and white chrysanthemums with ribbon inscribed "Father," from Mr. Michael J. Burns; wreath of galax leaves and roses from Miss Mary Brady; sprays of white chrysanthemums from Mr. and Mrs. Peter Donohue and Miss Margaret Stapels.

"LITTLE TIM"

New York Alderman Buried Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The funeral of Little Tim Sullivan attracted such a large crowd to the vicinity of his home and the church in East Twelfth street today that the police reserves from many stations were required.

Besides the thousands of personal friends of the dead aldermanic leader and the other thousands of admirers, the funeral was attended by many notables in every walk of life, from the highest public official down.

The Bowery and the east side were particularly affected by the death of Little Tim. Of his followers he had more than 10,000 on the city payrolls, and he and his cousin, Big Tim Sullivan, were known as the most liberal dispensers of charity to the poor of the Bowery district.

A feature of the funeral was the stop made by the impressive cortege after leaving the house and the church at the club rooms of the T. D. Sullivan association on the Bowery, which was Little Tim's political headquarters, and where the many thousands in the street uncovered their heads while the band played a dirge.

Little Tim is said to have left a fortune of about one million in his own name, besides $500,000, which he had previously divided between his wife and his sister.

ASK RIGHT OF WAY

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The street commissioners gave two public hearings yesterday, one to a delegation of physicians who wanted the street traffic regulations revised so as to give them wider latitude in responding to hurry calls, and another to residents of the North end, who wanted some of the streets leading off Hanover street made one-way streets, and reserved their decision in both cases. The hearing to the physicians was given upon a petition of 300 doctors who wanted the same privileges for their vehicles on the streets as are accorded to the police and fire departments and to the United States mail wagons. The doctors recommended that a green cross on a white background be painted on the vehicles to designate them as physicians autos or carriages.

The streets leading off Hanover street which were petitioned to be made one-way streets are: Harris street to North street, Hanover avenue to North street, Tyleson street to Salem street, and Salutation street to Commercial street.

"BABY" SHOPLIFTER HELD

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—An 8-year-old girl is held by the police as "The Baby Shoplifter."

She is Annie Pavlinski. She has been arrested three times for theft, has spent two weks in the Industrial school and escaped, her run away from home dozens of times, and makes a practice of slipping out of bed after her family is asleep and pilfering money from her father and her big brother.

She was found asleep in a hallway yesterday, scantily clad and very cold. Annie's first exploit was robbing a notion store of 60 cents' worth of toys. The proprietor refused to prosecute.

Two weeks later she entered a grocery store, concealed herself under a counter and stole $13 from the grocer's till.

CANNER FOUND GUILTY

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—After deliberating six hours the jury, in the cases in the United States district court arising out of the bankruptcy proceeding of Louis Canner, alias Benjamin S. Canner, brought in verdicts of guilty against Louis Canner, Jacob Freedman, Julius Wolfmann and Louis Miller. The jury found Mrs. Annie R. Canner, wife of Louis, Mrs. Rebecca Freedman, wife of Jacob, and Nathan Wolfmann, not guilty.

In accordance with the directions of Judge Dodge that there was not sufficient evidence to justify a verdict of guilty against Abraham C. Berman, Abraham Greenberg and Levi Jacobson, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in each of the cases.

Sentence was postponed and a stay of 30 days granted for filing exceptions.

The trial began on Nov. 9 and the defendants were charged with a conspiracy to conceal the assets of Louis Canner from his trustee in bankruptcy, Albert K. Tapper. Canner did business in East Boston under the name of the Marshall Hay and Grain Company.

HOUSE AND BARN SOLD

Collins & Hogan, corner of Central and Market streets, sold for Mrs. Sarah Jane O'Keefe a ten-room house and barn with 10,000 square feet of land on West View street, off Pine, to Mr. Robert G. Barbett. Mr. Barbett buys for an investment.

BATTLE OF RAMA

Gen. Estrada Wiped Out Zelaya's Army of 3000

Hardest Fighting Ever Witnessed in South America — Bluefields Wild With Joy — Account of the Surrender

BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 24.—The details of the battle of Rama are now known. The victory of the insurgents was as complete as has been claimed by them. After two days of fighting the fiercest that Central America has seen, General Estrada on Tuesday wiped out the enemy. Of Zelaya's army of 3000 men but 500 escaped. The killed and wounded on both sides as before reported numbered 800 and 1900 of the government troops surrendered after a desperate resistance. Three Hotchkiss and four Maxim guns, 2000 rifles and a million rounds of ammunition were included in the booty. General Estrada professes to believe that his march to Managua will be unopposed.

Bluefields and the neighboring country are wild with joy. The victory is said to have won the very day scheduled for the inauguration of Dr. Madriz as president of Nicaragua in succession to Zelaya. Gen. Luis Mena is again here. His troops arrived on the scene of battle when victory was in the balance and turned the tide in favor of the insurgents. At the request of United States Consul Moffat, Commander Shipley of the United States cruiser Des Moines sent his hospital squad ashore, establishing an independent hospital where forty of the wounded are receiving care. The American medical men have been able to give their services to all who were in need of them. Six Americans participated in the battle, operating rapid fire guns. They escaped injury with the exception of one named Bashford who received three bullets in one leg. The prisoners include Gen. Gonzales and Gen. Castrillo. General Vasquez who was returning to Rama from Managua when hostilities began did not reach the scene during the fighting. He was a few miles distant when the government troops were routed and it is possible that some 44 men escaped with him.

After Zelaya's trenches had been shelled they were taken by assault. In the trenches were several women who preferred risking their lives in the conflict to starvation in camp. These women were armed with rifles and fought courageously. One of them was wounded and later brought to the hospital here. A large proportion of prisoners was found to be boys under sixteen years of age. They accepted defeat as though it were very welcome.

General Gonzales, the vanquished leader of the government troops, today shares the quarters of General Estrada and is eating the latter's rations with great relish and smoking insurgent cigarettes as though he enjoyed them. The second day's fighting began at 3 o'clock in the morning. The first day's conflict had driven the enemy back to the main fortifications at the village of Recreo, where for three weeks they had been stringing wire and digging trenches. The country in that vicinity has been partially cleared of underbrush but it remains like a jungle. The position of the government troops behind the embankments and barbed wire proved unexpectedly strong. However, the provisionals, who were lead by Generals Chamorro and Diaz, were not disheartened but commenced at once in a business-like way to storm the entrenchments of the government troops.

Zelaya's troops frequently left the trenches and advancing through the jungle met the insurgents in hand to hand conflict. These dashes were followed in each instance by a retreat to the trenches and a forward movement by the provincials who cut the wire entanglements with their hatchets. In these brushes many were killed or wounded.

General Chamorro, who looks like a typical North American regular trooper, fought with frenzied vigor, personally using a pistol and invariably killing his man outright. General Diaz, who is said to be proud of his Spanish blood, disdained as did Chamorro to take to cover. Diaz walked erect amid a hail of bullets directing the fire of his men who, however, he insisted should keep under cover whenever possible. When one soldier, enthused by the example of his commander, fought on his feet, Diaz turned his pistol upon the man and commanded him to get behind a stump. There was no farce about these skirmishes and the conduct of both leaders and men who knew for what they were fighting and that death for many was imminent, was worthy of the greatest admiration. Chamorro, who has been fighting for twenty years, is idolized by his men. He swore cheerfully when his troopers exposed themselves and good naturedly pushed them behind the cover of stumps and tangled underbrush. Chamorro was in active command of the battle, Estrada having merely laid out the general plans. As the evening approached and the enemy still resisted after repeated assaults the insurgents wavered from physical exhaustion but their courage never failed.

The generalship of Mena on Monday is generally praised and in fact but for his timely arrival it is quite possible that the outcome of the battle would have been wholly different. Indeed at one time the position of the insurgents was desperate. Chamorro and Diaz had moved on the main fortifications at Recreo and Tatumbla hill, and Mena was under orders to cover the lines of retreat from Recreo. Mena had moved up the Rama river but his six hundred men were weak from the subsequent march and failed to effect the expected junction with the other armies of the insurgents when the assault began. They encountered roads knee deep with red clay and overgrown with tropical plants through which they cut a way with their machets but their progress was slow. Chamorro became uneasy and dispatched a messenger with this urgent command. "Come quickly or the day goes against us."

The day was going against the provisionals. The enemy fell on every side but Chamarro discerned that at best he was not holding his own and making no real gains. After dispatching a messenger to Mena he adopted the plan of repulsing the enemy when they left their trenches and assaulted without attempting a further advance. Mena realized the situation and instead of merely cutting off the possible retreat of the government troops pushed forward for an assault. He and his six hundred men got through the intervening two miles of brush by desperate efforts. General Chamorro had been fought to a standstill and his men were well nigh exhausted. Over the field telephone Commander-in-chief Estrada was informed that the situation was desperate and that while his army was not defeated, victory was not in sight. When the hour was darkest for the insurgents cheers were heard in the distance and presently General Mena and his scratched and bleeding men emerged from the jungle into the half-cleared plantation where the battle was being waged. Without stopping for orders and yelling at the top of their voices the reinforcing troops swept across the clearing to the rear of the enemy and charged the hill at a point where no machine guns had been placed. The movement of the men served as a signal for a general advance by three armies of the insurgents. At a critical moment the insurgents swept up the hill in the face of a furious fire. The defenders, depending on their rifles only, were unable to repulse the attack. Suddenly abandoning their trenches the government troops fell back from Mena's advance and charged the advancing armies under Chamorro and Diaz. Mena attacked Gonzales' rear. In ten minutes it was all over but in that time frightful execution was done. Scores were killed outright and the wounded covered the summit of the hill. Hundreds of the enemy threw down their arms and begged for quarters. General Gonzales saw he was whipped and to save the needless slaughter signalled that he surrendered. Nineteen hundred prisoners were taken.

FUNERALS

SMITH—The funeral services of Mrs. Carrie L. Smith were held yesterday afternoon from her home, 328 Wentworth avenue, and were very largely attended by her many friends and relatives. Rev. R. A. Greene, D. D., pastor of the Grace Universalist church, officiated. The many beautiful floral offerings indicated the high esteem in which she was held. The bearers were Messrs. Ernest H. Lee, Wm. M. Lee, Elmer Smith and Frank Draper. Burial took place in the family lot in Green cemetery at Carlisle, where prayers were read at the grave by the Rev. F. T. Billington. Undertaker William H. Saunders of the Horace Ela company had charge of the funeral arrangements.

FOWLER—The funeral of Myrtle Fowler, child of Walter and May Fowler, took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her parents, 57 Lawrence street, Rev. S. W. Cummings of the First Baptist church officiating. There was singing by Miss Florence Rivet, and there were many floral tributes. Burial was in the Edson cemetery under direction of Thomas J. McDermott.

SARGENT—The funeral of Miss Mary E. Sargent took place yesterday afternoon from the Edson cemetery chapel, Rev. C. T. Billings officiating. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, under direction of the J. B. Currier Co.

WOODS—The funeral of Genevieve Woods, infant daughter of Bernard and Catherine Woods, took place yesterday from the home of her parents, 14 Brown street. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery under the direction of Undertakers C. H. Molloy & Sons.

DUFFY—The funeral of Gertrude Duffy took place from the home of her parents, 7 Farnham street. Burial was in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery. Undertakers C. H. Molloy & Sons had charge.

GENTLE—The funeral of Gilman Walter Gentle was held Monday afternoon from the residence, 6 rear of 536 Gorham street Rev. Edward Gregg conducting services. Many beautiful flowers were sent by mourning friends. The burial was in the family lot in the Edson cemetery.

SULLIVAN—The funeral of the late John Sullivan took place from the funeral chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

BURNS—The funeral of Patrick J. Burns took place this morning at 8.45 o'clock from the funeral parlors of Undertaker John A. Finnegan, and proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where at 9 o'clock a requiem high mass was sung by Rev. William Patten, O. M. I. The choir under the direction of Mr. Charles P. Smith, rendered the Gregorian chant. At the offertory "Pie Jesu" was sung, and as the body was being borne from the church the choir rendered "De Profundis." Mrs. Hugh Walker presided at the organ. The bearers were Messrs. William J. Burns, Frank Bailey, John King and Michael J. Calnan. The funeral cortege wended its way to the Catholic cemetery, where burial took place in the family lot, Undertaker John A. Finnegan in charge.

JILTED THE WOMAN

After Getting Her Money and Her Rings

Adelarde Brisselle Found Guilty in Police Court and Sentenced to One Year in the House of Correction

Malvina Hebert, a rather attractive young woman, appeared in police court this morning and during the course of her testimony against Adelard Brissette, whom she had arrested for the larceny of $157.35 in money and three rings valued at $15, told how after she had made all preparations for marriage with the defendant he jilted her, stole her money and then went to Canada.

Mrs. Hebert, she being a widow, testified that a year ago last October she was living in Hall street. She met Brissette and took a liking to him and he reciprocated. After knowing each other for a short time they decided to get married. She had three rings, one her wedding ring, a second being her mother's wedding ring and the third belonged to her father, who was dead. She had broken her wedding ring and decided to have it repaired and the other two rings which were too large for her she was going to have made smaller. She testified that she gave the three rings to the defendant to take to a jeweler's.

The following day she went to the Five Cent Savings bank and drew out $150. When she got home she put it in a pocketbook which previously contained $7.35. When Brissette put in an appearance she informed him that she had drawn the money from the bank and opening the pocketbook counted it out to him. She said that he said: "Let me take it until I show it to my mother.' She agreed to go with him to his mother, but he said that he wanted to go alone and according to her testimony he took the pocketbook out of her hand and said he would be back at supper time.

She waited until the following Monday and when he did not put in an appearance she reported the matter to the police.

She said that she did not see Brissette from the time he left her house on Oct. 23, 1908, until during the early part of this week, when she saw him in the cage in the court room.

Several witnesses corroborated in part the testimony offered by the complainant.

Supt. Redmond Welch told of a conversation he had with Brissette. Supt. Welch said: "Brissette told me that he got $8 from her to purchase some furniture and had every intention of getting married, even going as far as the clergyman's house. As he was about to enter the house he met a friend, who told him that Mrs. Hebert's husband had been found hanging in a cellar by Mrs Hebert and that the man was not dead when she found him. He said that that, together with the fact that Mrs. Hebert's husband had been dead but a month, caused him to change his mind.

Brissette, testifying in his own behalf, denied that he stole the amount of money mentioned in the complaint, and further denied that he had anything to do with the rings. He said that she gave him $8 to purchase furniture, that he bought the furniture, but later decided not to marry her and stayed around Lowell until he heard that the police were looking for him and then he went to Canada.

The court, after summing up the evidence in the case, found Brissette guilty and sentenced him to one year in the house of correction at Cambridge.

Probable Cause Found

Judge Hadley this morning found probable cause of guilt in the case of Paul R. Fiedler of Lawrence, charged with the larceny of a number of bottles of Gauvin's syrup and held him under $400 bonds for his appearance before the grand jury.

It is alleged that Fiedler and Routhier & Delisle, the latter being local druggists, made an arrangement whereby they were to exchange certain goods. It is further alleged that Fiedler gave the local druggists a substitute for Gauvin's syrup, and it was on this point that the charge was brought.

The case opened in police court several weeks ago and portions of three days were taken in hearing the testimony and arguments, after which Judge Hadley reserved his decision until this morning.

In speaking of his reason for finding probable cause Judge Hadley stated that the offense was one of large magnitude to the community especially when an effort is being made to better the pure food laws.

William J. Bradley of Lawrence appeared for the defendant, and the government was represented by Messrs. Wm. H. Bent and A. O. Hamel of this city.

Drunken Offenders

Adelaide Bickford, an elderly woman, was charged with drunkenness, found guilty and sentenced to one month in jail.

John Bryan, Austin Gilday, Moise Hoade and John Donlon, charged with drunkenness, were each fined $6.

Ulric Paquette while in an intoxicated condition last night raised a disturbance. He was fined $5.

There were seven $2 drunks.

Got Drunk on Cider

George E. Barron, a resident of Tyngsboro, who has been in court on several occasions and given plenty of chances to reform and do better, was before the court again this morning. He pleaded guilty to drunkenness, but said he had no intention of getting drunk as all he took was some cider.

Barron said: "Mother and I had a few words over the cat and I went right out and started to drink cider. Just let me go back on the farm again and I will live a new life.

He was sentenced to six months in jail, the sentence was suspended and he was placed in the hands of the probation officer for one year.

Brownies, at Associate hall, tonight.

DEATHS

MENARD—Mrs. Hilaire Menard died yesterday at her home, 154 Ford street, aged 44 years. She leaves her husband, her father, Paul Brunelle of Canada, three sisters, Mrs. C. Joly of Canada and Mrs. Joseph Vaillancourt and Mrs. Ulric Leblanc of Lowell, and three brothers, Joseph Brunelle of Canada, Pierre Brunelle of Northbridge, Mass., and Albert Brunelle of Lowell.

GRAHAM—Martin Graham, aged 6 years, died Thursday morning at the home of his parents, John and Ann Graham, 37 Andover street. The funeral took place in the afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. On account of the cause of death (membraneous croup) the funeral was strictly private. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery under the charge of Undertakers M. H. McDonough & Sons.

THATCHER—Mrs. Sarah Thatcher, aged 65 years, 10 months and 26 days, died yesterday afternoon at her residence, 90 South Whipple street. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. William H. Walton, Mrs. William Logan and Mrs. W. H. McQuaide; also two brothers in England, William H. Peel and Frederick G. Peel, and eight grandchildren.

MR. BRYAN IMPROVED

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.—The condition of W. J. Bryan, who was taken ill here yesterday, was so greatly improved this morning that he will leave in the afternoon for Miami.

FACTORY SHUT DOWN

WALTHAM, Dec. 24.—The Waltham Watch Co.'s factory was shut down today until Jan. 3. The company employs 4000 hands.

"PACKED FOR ELEPHANTS"

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Supreme Court Justice Dowling yesterday reserved decision upon an application of the Marcus Mason company to examine persons in Cuba regarding the sale of machinery shipped by the company upon order of George W. Gillies, a planter. Gillies returned the machinery and is suing the company for $1700 he alleges he advanced.

"The reason this machinery was returned," Gillies' counsel says, "was because it was ordered shipped in sections so it might be transported by mule-back sixty miles. When it arrived, Gillies says, it had been packed for elephants, not mules. He refused it."

DUNN'S REPORT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Despatches to R. G. Dun & Co. show heavy demand for holiday goods and weather conditions have stimulated a larger distribution of seasonable wearing apparel. Exceptionally favorable weather at Boston has benefited holiday trade and the distribution of seasonable merchandise has been especially in clothing, footwear and other wearing apparel. Quiet conditions prevail in wholesale lines owing to the usual inventories and uncertainty in the matter of prices is checking demand for cotton goods, jobbers and retailers generally pursuing a hand to mouth policy. Total bank exchanges this week at all leading cities in the United States were $3,277,231,340, an increase of 8.7 per cent. over the same week last year.

Sunlight, Prescott, Xmas, Gilmore's.

TO BUILD DWELLING

P. N. Cossette has been granted a permit by the inspector of lands and buildings to build a six-family dwelling in Fletcher street near Franklin street. It will be a three story building and the estimated cost is $4500.

XMAS LINERS ARRIVING

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The White Star steamship Teutonic reached home yesterday with one of the last loads of Christmas homecomers and 4200 bags of mail. The mail consignment was not as large as was expected, for those abroad have wisely sent their Christmas remembrances early this year.

The two last Christmas ships will be the Cunarder Lusitania and the American liner St. Paul. The former was due at her dock this morning and the latter tonight.

SCALP WOUND

John Tootlick fell down a flight of stairs at Allen's box shop in Mt. Vernon street this morning and sustained a scalp wound. The ambulance was summoned and the injured man was removed to St. John's hospital where he received treatment.

If you want help at home or business, try The Sun "Want" column.

Enjoy Your Christmas Dinner

And let Dyspeplets do the rest—in other words, eat freely without fear of distress, because Dyspeplets will quickly relieve sour stomach, heartburn, nausea, wind in the stomach, and any other disturbance from indigestion. They are agreeable and economical sugar-coated tablets, and always in great demand during the mince-pie and plum-pudding holidays. They aid digestion and give ease. 10c, 50c, or $1.

Remember the name, Dyspeplet.

TEXTILE SCHOOL

Items of Interest to the Students

Last Tuesday the third of a series of lectures by men prominent in business and mill life was given in the assembly hall of the school. Mr. Henry Smith, the president of the Lowell board of trade, was the speaker. His subject was the object and the value of the board of trade to business in this country. The lecture was very interesting and valuable and was listened to by a large number of students.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Council the following men were awarded their numerals which were earned in the first annual fall track meet 1910, Duval, Blaikie, Keough, Hale, Leck, Cary; 1911, Harrison, Merrill, Bailey, Middleton; 1912, Heath, Hartford Zobel, Hassett, Walsh, Pensel, Allen, McCleary, McDuff.

The following board has been selected to run the Pickout.

Editor-in-chief, N. B. Reed; Asst. Editors G. C. Welch, E. K. Hale; Business Mgr. A. F. Lamb; Assistant Business Mgr. G. B. Elliott; Senior Class Editors H. G. Michelson, J. T. Brady, Jr., D. W. Smith; Junior Class Editors E. B. Thacksler, Jr., J. A. Middleton, G. W. Summersby; Freshmen Class Editors H. A. Stevens, R. Brown, R. B. Clark.

Up to this year the Pickout has been a private venture in which the editor and business manager divided the profits, but this year it was taken up and the book is to be a school book in every sense of the word. The Pickout board is subject to the Athletic Council and the profits go to the treasury of the Athletic association. The editors and business managers as well as each member will receive a certain per cent. of the receipts as a reward for their efforts.

The Christmas recess began Thursday, at 4.30 p. m., and lasts till Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 8.30 a. m.

BACHELOR CLUB

TO GIVE CONCERT AT POLICE RELIEF ASS'N. BALL

Big preparations are being made for the 22d annual concert and ball of the Lowell Police Relief association which will be held at Associate hall on the night of Tuesday, January 4, 1910. Supt. Redmond Welch will be general manager and Patrolman Francis H. Moore floor director. The Bachelor club will give a minstrel show the first part of the evening which bids fair to be the best ever held in this city. Charles F. Slattery will have charge of the performance. Music for dancing will be furnished by the Middlesex orchestra.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to our many relatives and friends who by their many acts of kindness, words of consolation and beautiful floral offerings helped to lighten the burden of sorrow in the death of our beloved wife and mother. To one and all we are deeply grateful and will ever remember their kindness. Signed,

Mr. Michel Trudel and Sons,
Mrs. Josephine Pliardi.

VERDICT FOUND

In the Canner-Freedman Case

BOSTON, Dec 24.—After a trial lasting nearly six weeks in the U. S. district court the jury in the Canner-Freedman conspiracy case returned a verdict at 9.45 last evening.

When the case was first presented by the government indictments were made against 13 defendants alleging a conspiracy to conceal assets in bankruptcy proceedings. Three of the defendants, Bernard Goldfine, Morris Goldfine and Isaac W. Mandelstam, pleaded guilty and subsequently became witnesses for the government.

Three other defendants, Levi Jacobson, Abraham Greenberg and Abraham Perman, were found not guilty by order of the court.

When the jury retired Wednesday afternoon to consider the evidence they had only seven of the original defendants to pass upon. Of these, four were found guilty and three not guilty.

Verdicts of guilty were found against Louis B. S. Canner, Jacob Freedman, Julius Wolfman and Louis Miller.

The defendants found not guilty are Annie R. Canner, Rebecca Freedman and Nathan Wolfman.

MAYOR-ELECT

SAYS HIS VICTORY COST HIM NOTHING

BROCKTON, Dec. 24.—Mayor-elect William H. Clifford, who, running as independent and democratic candidate at the municipal election, defeated C. Chester Eaton, a manufacturer, yesterday afternoon filed a sworn statement of his campaign expenses with the city clerk.

The election cost him nothing, no money being spent and nothing promised. Not even a postage stamp is included in his statement.

NELSON ACCEPTS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—Thos. McCarey, manager of the Pacific Athletic club of this city, announced that he had secured an agreement for a 15 round contest between Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast, who is in this city with his manager Tom Jones, signed the agreement and Nelson telegraphed his acceptance from Chicago.

Nelson is to be given $10,000 win, lose or draw, and th men will post a side bet of $5000.

The contest will take place in February or March, the exact date to be settled later, and the Vernon arena, outside the city limits, will be the scene.

Bright, Sears & Co.
BANKERS AND BROKERS
Wyman's Exchange
SECOND FLOOR

CITY BEAUTIFUL

Committee of Board of Trade Reports

ACTION AGAINST BILLBOARD NUISANCE

Agent Southworth of the Massachusetts Mills Promises to Aid in the Work at Considerable Expense to His Company

At a recent meeting of the "city beautiful" committee of the board of trade several communications in reply to circulars sent to property owners throughout the city relative to the billboard nuisance were received and a vote of thanks for the replies was passed. At the meeting were Harvey B. Greene, chairman, Thomas J. Goyette and Louis A. Olney.

Mr. Goyette was instructed to secure assessments made by the city on all billboards, a list of which has been furnished the committee.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Richard Watrous, secretary of the National Civic Federation, asking for the benefit of the experience of his organization along this line of work.

The following letter from Agent Southworth of the Massachusetts mills, relative to the abolition of billboards, is characteristic and to the point:

Mr. John A. McKenna, Secretary, Lowell Board of Trade, City.

Dear Sir—I have the circular of the board of trade relating to billboards and inviting me to take down two, for which we receive $300 a year. I had it already in mind to take them down when a convenient opportunity offers, and if you will not hurry me too much I will assist you to beautify the city in the manner indicated.

You argue that the billboards depreciate the value of our property. We shall certainly keep them if there is any certainty in our minds that the assessors will take the same view!

Yours truly,
W. S. Southworth.

President Tuttle of the Boston & Maine railroad requested a conference with the committee relative to the boards on property of the railroad.

A savings bank owning certain property on which billboards are located replied to the circular of the committee, that "if the city of Lowell had purchased the property mentioned . . . it could have removed the billboards."

Most of the replies were to the effect that the owners would be very glad to have the boards removed. Some said they never got any pay for them and thought the boards had no right on their land.

Bring your girl to Prescott, Xmas.

BILLERICA NEWS

Fire in Talbot Mills Tenement

Fire broke out in a double tenement house in Wilson street, belonging to the Talbot mills late yesterday afternoon, and before the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the flames the building had been damaged to the extent of about $800 and several buildings in the vicinity escaped being damaged by the effective work of the members of the fire department, assisted by the Talbot mills volunteer fire department.

The fire was caused by a defective chimney. When the fire was discovered it was eating its way through the roof and the blaze fanned by a strong wind soon spread to different parts of the building.

Henry Luetender and family live on the second floor, while the first floor is occupied by Albert Blein and family.

Christmas Program

Christmas will be observed in an appropriate manner tomorrow at St. Andrew's church. The masses will be sung at 8 and 10 a. m., the latter service to be followed by benediction of the blessed sacrament. A special musical program will be carried out under the direction of Charles E. Fairbrother, with Miss Etta Hoar at the organ.

The program will be as follows:

Solemn high mass, 10 a. m.; march (Flagler), organ; mass (J. D. Kumin); offertory, Adeste Fidelis (Novello); benediction of the blessed sacrament; O Salutaris (Dom. S. Gregory Auld, O. S. B.); Tantum Ergo (Miller); Adoremus (Pearce); Laudate Dominum VIII (Lane).

Soloists—Sopranos, Mrs. Agnes Lyons, Miss Isabel Kearney; alto, Miss Nellie Campbell; tenor, Charles E. Fairbrother; bass, Henry O'Brien; director, Charles E. Fairbrother; organist, Miss Etta Hoar

SANTA'S SURPRISE

"Santa's Surprise," a very pretty little Christmas playlet, was presented by six little boys, members of Miss Grace Cumnock's Sunday school class, assisted by other members of the Kirk Street Sunday school, at the Kirk Street church, yesterday afternoon.

"Santa Claus," portrayed by Master Wendell Harvey, came down the chimney and during the conversation which he held with the children he told them that he had traveled far and his stock of presents was exhausted. He had another group of poor children to visit, but did not have any presents for them. Being tired he went to sleep and while he slept the children contributed presents and when he awoke he found that his bag was filled with nice things.

Hot chocolate was served, and a sale of candy was under the direction of Miss Harvey.

The object of the entertainment was to raise money toward the furnishing of a room in the new Y. M. C. A. building.

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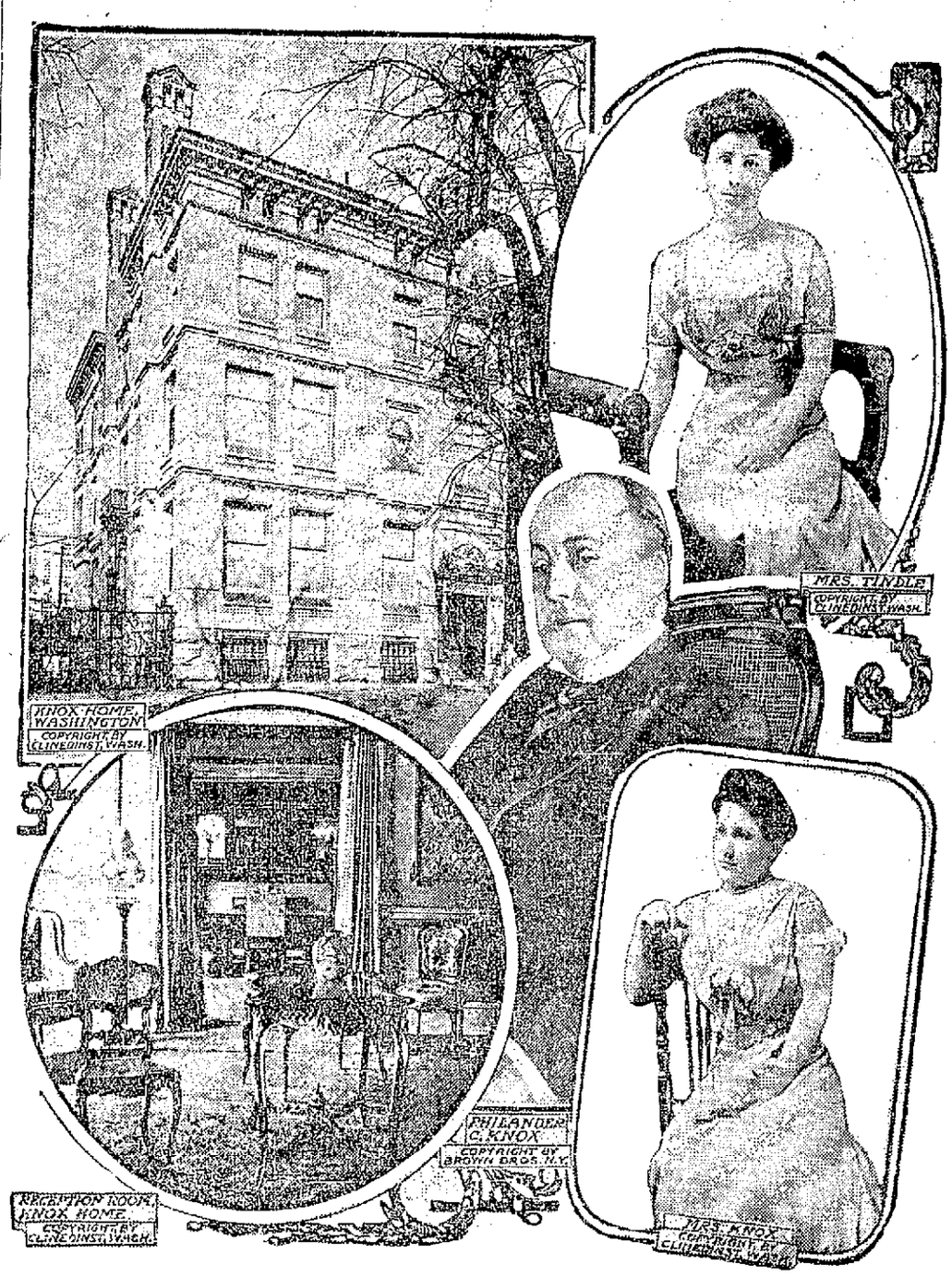
D. R. G. SULLIVAN'S
10c Cigar
Now packed in boxes of 25 for the holidays. For sale by all first-class dealers

SECRETARY KNOX, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER; SCENE OF GREAT NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION



WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Unusual attention is attracted to the New Year's reception which Secretary and Mrs. Knox will give in honor of the world's diplomats because of the stand the secretary took with regard to the killing of the two Americans, Cannon and Groce, in Nicaragua. With few exceptions the diplomats here commend the action of the secretary, and all of them admire the spunk he displayed in demanding that the tyrant Zelaya be called to account for the outrage. The publication of the first detailed account of the executions has heightened interest in the movement against the Nicaraguan government, and, aside from the social nature of the New Year's reception, it will be a specific indorsement of Secretary Knox's policy. The event is looked forward to as one of the most brilliant functions since the last Roosevelt reception, which was the greatest gathering of statesmen and diplomats ever held in this country. Mrs. Knox will be assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Tindle, in receiving the distinguished guests. Aside from the diplomats, many officers of the army and navy will be present. Ambassadors Bryce, Jusserand, De Planches and Von Bernstorff will be present with their staffs.

CAPT. AMUNDSEN

Starts On Search For Explorer Cook

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 24.—Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the northwest passage, who has planned a four years' voyage in Fritjof Nansen's

arctic steamer Fram to prove that a current runs from the Bering strait over the north pole, has begun a systematic search of Dr. Cook. The captain, who was one of Dr. Cook's most ardent supporters, does not expect to start on his arctic voyage until next July and says he will devote the intervening months, if necessary, to finding Cook.

GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

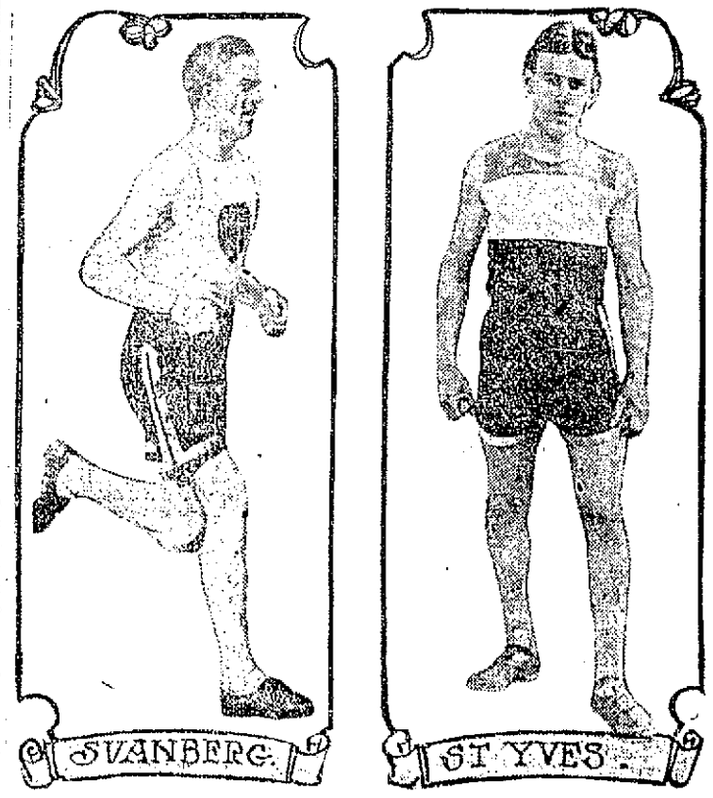
CANTON, O., Dec. 24.—William L. Davis, former vice-president of the defunct Canton state bank, was found guilty of embezzlement today. The jury was out all night. Davis was charged with abstracting from the bank 350 shares of bank stock valued at $350,000.

Sunlight, Prescott, Xmas, Gilmore's.

MAY STOP 50 FIRE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—There is a prospect that the fire which has been burning for 50 years in a mine at Summit Hill, Pa., at last will be extinguished. A Scranton construction company occupied a year building a concrete wall 15 feet thick far below the coal, and it is thought will conquer the fire. Old time miners are of the opinion, however, that the fire will eat through the concrete and continue its way into the Panther Creek valley.

TWO FAMOUS MARATHON RUNNERS WHO WILL MEET IN RACE SHORTLY



NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—If the plans of the eastern promoters do not fall through, professional athletics will be given a big boom within the next few weeks. A short time ago it looked as if there would be nothing for the money chasers, but the wind has shifted, and skies are beginning to shine again. In New York three big professional races are on the program to be run off between now and the first of February, and several long and short distance events are carded to be held in Jersey City, N. J. Nearly all the big professional Marathoners who took part in the long distance running game last season will compete in the coming events. Many of the foreign runners who helped make sport history last year are to arrive in this country shortly. In fact, two of them are here now. John Svanberg, the Swede who won several races last year, and Henri St. Yves, the Frenchman, establisher of several world's records, arrived recently in splendid shape and will start training immediately. Pietri Dorando, the Italian, who is now in England, is expected in this country the first week in January.

Y. M. C. A. BEATEN

Chelsea Team Won at Basketball

The Lowell Y. M. C. A. basketball team was defeated by the Chelsea Young Men's Christian association team by a score 27 to 25 at the local gym. in a fast and well contested game last night. It was a case of seesaw from start to finish; first one team would be ahead and the throwing of a basket would change the tide in favor of the other team.

At the conclusion of the first half the score was 9 to 7 in favor of Chelsea. The lineup:

Chelsea	Lowell
Keddlety lf	rb Croft
Kelly rf	lb Sutherland
Wilbane c	c W. Grant
Tierney lb	rf Cote
Mulloy rb	lf J. Grant

Score—Chelsea 27, Lowell 25. Goals from the floor—Mulloy 4, Wilbane 5, Keddlety 2, J. Grant 4, Cote 2, W. Grant 2, Pearson. Points on fouls—Mulloy 3, Wilbane 1, Cote 7. Referee—Wilson. Timers—Stephens and Mason. Scorer—Pilkington.

The second game between Andover Guild and Y. M. C. A. second team, resulted in a victory for the Y. M. C. A. boys by a score of 18 to 11. The score:

Lowell	Andover
Stephens lf	rb Leslie
Dwyer rf	lb Hastings
Harrington c	c Black
Lelacheur lb	rf Berry
Lajeunesse rb	lf Haddin

Score—Lowell 18, Andover 11. Goals—Dwyer 6, Harrington 2, Haddin 3. Points on fouls—Dwyer 2, Haddin 5. Referee—Wilson.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

From the U. S. Steel Corporation

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—About $100,000,000 is to be the Christmas present of the United States Steel corporation and its subsidiary companies to the steel-making territory from South Chicago to Gary, Ind. This sum is to be expended in building new plants and enlarging existing shops during the coming year.

Formal announcement of the estimates for the construction plans and the enlarging of the existing facilities will be made in due time from the main offices of the United States corporation by J. C. Buffington, president of the Illinois Steel Co. The extension means the employment of possibly 5000 additional men during the coming year.

SUSPENDED BY A. A. U.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Melvin W. Sheppard, the champion middle distance runner, and William J. Hayes of St. Gregory's Catholic club of this city, were indefinitely suspended last night by the military athletic league of Pennsylvania. The league is affiliated with the A. A. U., which will also be obliged to suspend the athletes under the terms of an agreement with the local body. The men were scheduled for a match race here on December 11, the event being advertised as the special attraction of a meet arranged by the military athletic league. Both men were in the armory when the race was called, but refused to run.

CUBAN LOTTERY

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—The extraordinary Christmas drawing of the National Lottery from which the government expected to derive a profit of $900,000, proved a failure. The drawing probably will show a considerable deficit on the government side.

BOWLING NEWS

The Knights of Columbus turned the tables on the Sacred Hearts in a game in the Catholic league series played on the allays last night. The Knights won the first string by 16 pins and in each succeeding string increased the lead of its opponents.

Two teams, one from Tyngsboro and the other from Dunstable, rolled the big pins last night, the Dunstable quintet winning by a small margin.

There were two games played in the Manufacturers' league. The Merrimack defeated the Shaw in one game while in the other the Lawrence defeated the Massachusetts.

In a close and well contested game played between the Lowell Electric Light station team and the Ellis Stars the latter team won by the narrow margin of eight pins. The scores:

CATHOLIC LEAGUE

K. of C.

	1	2	3	T'l
Savage	94	91	87	272
Lang	87	91	106	284
D. Donohoe	80	90	105	275
Conn	88	99	86	264
J. F. Donohoe	101	87	93	281
Totals	450	449	477	1376

Sacred Heart

	1	2	3	T'l
J. Murphy	95	83	98	276
Longelly	84	76	78	238
Farrell	84	91	93	268
Walsh	84	85	80	249
Weldon	87	89	77	253
Totals	434	424	426	1284

SUBURBANITES ROLLED

Tyngsboro

	1	2	3	T'l
Dixon	150	136	133	419
Sargent	168	187	141	491
Noble	165	198	183	546
Littlehale	140	115	137	392
Totals	618	536	594	1748

Dunstable

	1	2	3	T'l
Whipple	190	187	199	576
J. Woodward	209	134	155	489
Dickinson	132	151	121	408
L. Woodward	100	95	100	295
Totals	623	570	575	1768

MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE

Merrimack

	1	2	3	T'l
Armitstead	87	92	89	268
Waugh	81	83	91	255
Pickup	77	87	74	238
Duvoll	62	80	83	225
Fullerton	89	96	90	275
Totals	396	438	427	1261

Shaw

	1	2	3	T'l
Libby	80	78	97	255
Carney	79	81	77	237
Robinson	74	83	92	249
Clifford	81	84	78	243
Fay	71	87	90	248
Totals	385	413	434	1232

Lawrence

	1	2	3	T'l
Stearns	76	78	82	236
Chase	110	86	92	288
Sherburn	72	79	72	223
Butterfield	96	85	96	277
Hunt	91	104	89	284
Totals	445	432	437	1303

Massachusetts

	1	2	3	T'l
Webster	84	78	89	251
Bell	91	74	94	259
Kennedy	84	76	90	250
Read	75	80	76	231
Cove	98	92	93	283
Totals	432	400	442	1274

ELECTRIC LIGHT TEAM LOST

Lowell Electric Light

	1	2	3	T'l
Callahan	82	92	85	259
Prescott	81	102	80	263
Wood	75	82	107	264
Rivers	72	74	83	229
Moody	93	83	80	256
Totals	403	433	435	1270

Ellis Stars

	1	2	3	T'l
Ellis	83	67	80	230
C. Brock	67	91	81	239
Mason	70	74	85	229
Moody	90	115	86	291
Totals	395	451	432	1278

A WORLD'S FAIR

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 24.—Railways operating in western Canada made joint announcement last evening of a gift of $2,000,000 for a world's fair in Winnipeg provided it is postponed till 1914. These roads include the Soo and the Great Northern.

LIFTED FROM A BED OF PAIN AND RESTORED TO HEALTHY CHILDHOOD.

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We ask you to read our testimonials, and then measure the satisfaction we enjoy in helping suffering humanity, as we helped MASTER ALBERT E. WILLIAMS, of Lowell, whose father writes us as follows:

Lowell, Mass., Oct. 18, 1909.

Mr. W. A. Varney,
25 Hamilton Ave., Lynn, Mass.

Dear Sir:—Through reading your advertisements in the local papers of local cures of people whom I knew, I was induced to try VAR-NE-SIS for my little boy. He is eleven years of age and has been a great sufferer with rheumatism since he was two years old.

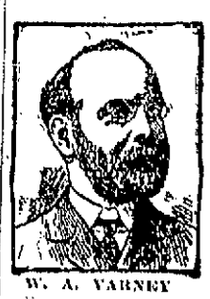
At the time the trouble commenced he was taken with fever and nausea, and after that every time he had a severe attack of rheumatism it was preceded by fever. His little hands, feet and knees were terribly swollen, his ankles had no strength whatever, would turn right over when he tried to step. He was a great deal worse at night, the muscles contracting so that the legs drew up like a jackknife, his little hands would close up tight and his head draw over on one shoulder. He suffered agonies both with the pain and from stomach trouble; attacks of nausea would come wholly unexpected and were very distressing.

We tried several physicians and all sorts of cures, from far and near, that were recommended, but nothing helped the poor little sufferer for any length of time until we tried VAR-NE-SIS, which seemed just the medicine he needed. The very first bottle helped him, he began to improve gradually, until now we consider him entirely cured. He started in to go to public school this fall, he looks rosy and well, eats heartily, and all swelling, soreness and stiffening of his joints has entirely disappeared.

My boy is a living testimonial of the virtues of VAR-NE-SIS in rheumatic cases.

Sincerely yours, ALBERT WILLIAMS,
8 Branch St., Lowell, Mass.

Call on him and verify our statements.


W. A. VARNEY

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To [illegible] prove that this letter is other than the honest endorsement of Mr. Williams.

VAR-NE-SIS MEDICINE CO.
25 Hamilton Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

HE SHOT HIS WIFE

Man Surrendered to Police of Rochester, N. H.

ROCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 24.—A shooting affray, which may result in the death of Mrs. Louise Vaugeois, better known as Virgie, took place about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home, 40 Chestnut street, the assailant being her husband, Francis Vaugeois, who has not lived at home for twenty years, although he has occasionally visited his family for a few hours at a time.

For the past two years Vaugeois has boarded with Edward Delouche, a cobbler, residing in Brick row on North Main street, but as Mr. Delouche is to move Vaugeois was notified to vacate not later than last night.

Wednesday, Vaugeois visited his wife at her home, asked her to cook for him and to allow him to stay in the house, which she refused to do on account of the past family troubles. Yesterday at 4 p. m. he made a second visit on the same mission, but Mrs. Vaugeois still refused him, whereupon he fired three shots at her.

She stood on the floor facing him when he fired the first shot, which penetrated her body on the left side just below the heart, causing her to fall to the floor. The second passed through her side just below the first one and the third lodged in her shoulder.

A daughter, Miss Rosa, 20 years old, who had just returned from her work at the box factory of Charles F. Trask & Co., heard the shots and rushed to her mother's assistance. Her father, enraged, attempted to shoot her, but the young woman thwarted him by the vigorous use of a chair.

Ex-Representative Simeon Bergeron, a neighbor, was in the cellar at the time of the shooting at work on the water pipes, and on hearing the reports quickly rushed upstairs. Vaugeois still held the revolver in his hand and refused Mr. Bergeron's demand to give it up. He pointed the weapon at Bergeron, driving him three steps down the cellar stairs. Bergeron soon returned and after a hard struggle secured the revolver by knocking it out of his hand. He then put the assailant outdoors and went for a doctor.

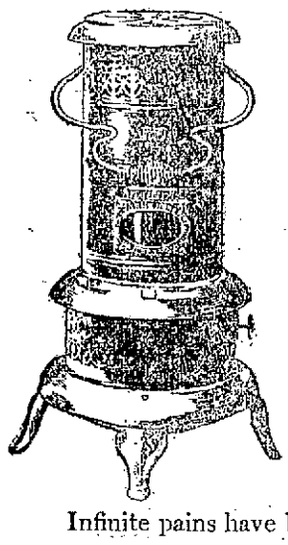
Mrs. Vaugeois is in a critical condition, the two bullets that lodged in her body not having been found. The shooting took place in the kitchen, where Mrs. Vaugeois was engaged in sweeping. Word was telephoned to the city building about the affair and Special Officer John Perreault immediately started out in pursuit of the assailant. In the meantime Vaugeois went to the city building and surrendered himself to Mayor William G. Bradley, who locked him up in a cell of the police station.

City Solicitor Samuel D. Felker took charge of the case. Vaugeois was arraigned in police court before Judge Lawrence V. McGill this morning, but the charge will depend on the condition of the woman.

Vaugeois one year ago tonight attempted to take his wife's life by shooting. His friends believe him to be of unsound mind. During the past 20 years he has worked in the mines of the west and the Klondike. He is a native of France and about 65 years of age, and has done but little work of late. His wife is seven years his junior.

Mrs. Vaugeois and her four daughters are among the most prominent French residents in the city and highly respected. She has supported her family, building a home and educating her children. The latter are: Annie, a stenographer in Boston; Mrs. Millie Jacques of Newfield; Mary, employed at the shoe factory of Linscott, Tyler & Wilson, and Rosa, employed at the Trask box factory.

Meeting Emergencies



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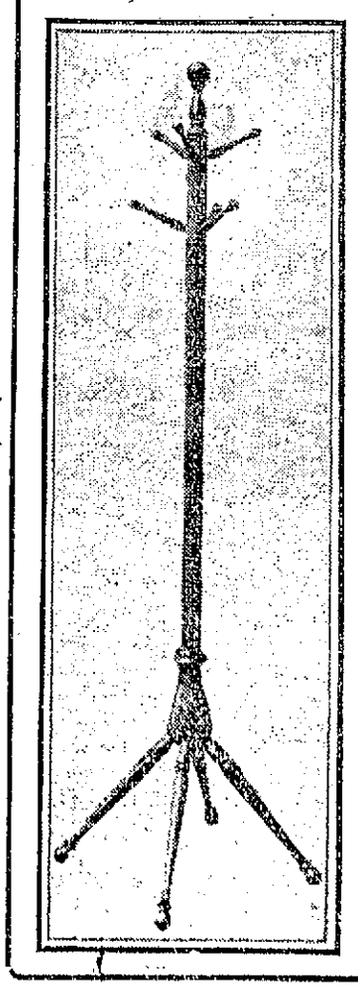

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TO SUCCEED MR. F. P. PUTNAM, RESIGNED

Charles L. Knapp Re-elected Sinking Fund Commissioner—Traverse Jurors Drawn—Election Returns Canvassed and Elections Declared

The board of aldermen held an adjourned meeting last night for the purpose of canvassing election returns and to transact any other business before the board.

Henry H. Harris was elected a member of the board of library trustees, to succeed Frank P. Putnam, resigned. Mr. Harris is principal of the Varnum school.

Charles L. Knapp was re-elected sinking fund commissioner.

Aldermen Adams and Wainwright were appointed to a committee on salaries.

A. W. Dows & Co. and E. W. Young company were granted permission to maintain advertising lamp posts in Central and Merrimack streets.

The following traverse jurors were drawn by Alderman Doxter:

Joseph Jalbert, 160 Fourth avenue, contractor.

Harry W. F. Dunckley, 103 School street, draughtsman.

Charles Aveyard, 48 Marlboro street, superintendent.

James H. Pindar, 352 East Merrimack street, real estate.

Alderman Adams drew the following for traverse jurors:

Clarence E. Edwards, 36 Leverett street, manufacturer.

William T. Sutcliffe, 158 Appleton street, musician.

Zenon Chouinard, 35 Exeter street, clerk.

Joseph E. Guimond, 4 Butterfield street, knitter.

Eugene F. Flynn, 522 Lawrence street, bleachery.

Fred B. Emerson, 29 Burtt street, theatrical manager.

The board adjourned to next Tuesday.

BROKE WORLD'S RECORD

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Thomas Hueston of St. Louis, successfully defended his title of pool champion of the world against Benjamin Allen of Kansas City, Mo., in the concluding three days' match last night, winning by a total net score of 600 to 581.

Allen won the match last night by a large lead, however, during which he broke the world's record for a run, scoring 85, the former record being 79 held by Grant Eby since 1903.

NORTH CHELMSFORD

The marriage of Mr. Walter B. Pierce and Miss Marion W. Crowell took place Wednesday afternoon in the Second Congregational church, Rev. D. A. Hudson performing the ceremony.

The church was tastefully decorated with palms and evergreens under the direction of Miss Marion Scribner.

While the guests were arriving, organ selections were given by Mrs. A. H. Slater of Lowell, among which were "The Silver Trumpet," by Wells; "A Grand Offertory," by Thayer; "Pilgrim's Chorus," by Tannhauser and "The Angel's Serenade," by Shubert.

The ushers were: Earl Lewis of Sudbury, Mr. Paul Scribner of North Chelmsford, Mr. Rufus E. Underhill of Melrose, Mr. Arthur W. Floyd of Lowell, the last two being cousins of the bride.

At 4 o'clock to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, the bride appeared accompanied by her father, Mr. Charles H. Crowell, and preceded by two little girls, Miss Jeanette Crowell, a niece of the bride, as ringbearer and Miss Franzisca Schacht, a cousin of the bridegroom, as flower girl. The bride wore a gown of white peau de cygne, with veil. The veil was caught with lilies of the valley and the orange blossoms worn by her mother at her wedding. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The little girls were dressed in white muslin with pink sashes, the one bearing the rings on a white silk cushion, the other carrying a large basket of daybreak pinks.

The bridegroom met the bride at the altar, where the Episcopal marriage service was performed. The bride was given away by her father. "O Promise Me," was played softly during the ceremony. The party left the church to the music of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

Guests were present from Lowell, Boston, Melrose, Mansfield, Stoneham, Haverhill, Methuen and Windham, N. H.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride in Wright street, about 75 guests being present. The rooms were prettily decorated by Mrs. George Elliott. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce stood underneath an evergreen bower, with a wedding bell directly over their heads. They were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Crowell, Mrs. C. B. Pierce and Mrs. Nettie Marshall.

Throughout the reception piano selections were rendered by Miss Grace Hadley of Lowell.

A large number of wedding gifts were received. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Marbel, caterer.

About 6.15, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce left for a brief wedding trip, amid showers of confetti and good wishes. On their return they will reside in North Chelmsford, corner of Middlesex street and Cottage row. Mr. Pierce is principal of the North Chelmsford high school.

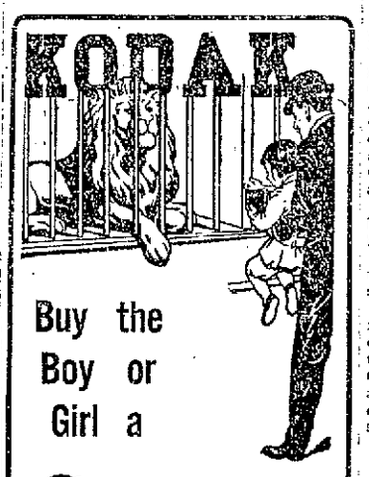
POET WATSON IN HAVANA

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—William Watson, the English poet and his wife, are staying at a hotel in a suburb of Havana. In an interview yesterday, Mr. Watson said he came to Cuba in search for recreation, and intended to study the people and the resources of the islands. Since their arrival, Mr. Watson and his wife have been engaged in sight-seeing around Havana and vicinity. The poet's health apparently is good and he said he was enjoying his visit and was quite undetermined how long he would stay or where he would go next. He declined to make any further statement.

YALE IN THE LEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—At the conclusion of play last night in the second round of the 18th intercollegiate chess tourney, between Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton, Yale was in the lead. The score now stands Yale 5½ points; Harvard 4½ points; Columbia 3½ points; Princeton 2½ points.

In yesterday's play, Yale beat Columbia 3 to 1 and Harvard beat Princeton 3 to 1. The third round will be played today.



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BURNED TO DEATH

Widow's Home Destroyed By Fire

SOMERVILLE, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Elizabeth Kenny, aged 63 years, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed her home at 31 Burnside avenue, last night. She was a widow with five children. The fire started from an overheated furnace. The loss on the house was small.

NO TARIFF WAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—There will be no tariff war between France and the United States, according to M. Calvet, a senator of France, who has been in this country since November 19 to confer with representative Frenchmen. Before sailing on the steamer La Provence for Havre yesterday, M. Calvet said he believed all schedules between the two countries would be settled before next April.

FIVE DROWNED

Boys Broke Through Thin Ice

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 24.—Five persons were drowned in Newfoundland yesterday, three boys being lost at Cottage pond, Brigus, and a mother and daughter at Harry's river.

The boys broke through thin ice.

No details of the second accident, in which Mrs. Louise Benoit and her daughter Mary lost their lives, have been received.

Prescott hall to let Sat. evenings.

PRINCETON DEFEATED

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—In the first real clash of the season between collegiate hockey teams, Williams beat Princeton last night by five goals to four.

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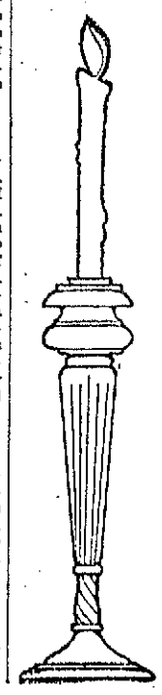

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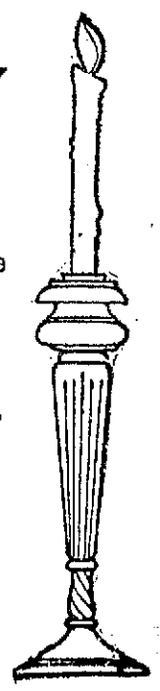

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This is by far the largest average circulation of any newspaper in Lowell.

THE CHRISTMAS TIDE.

Tomorrow will be Christmas, a festival to be observed in a spirit of charity and joy greater perhaps than ever before. It seems that the spirit of good will and real Christian charity becomes more widespread about the Christmas time with each succeeding year. It is gratifying to find that at this season such a great number are anxious to relieve suffering and want wherever they can and, besides, to make glad the hearts of the children by the distribution of gifts and toys in the name of dear old Santa Claus.

The observance of the Christmas even in the secular aspect entails a vast amount of work and expenditure. The stores are filled with articles suitable for Christmas gifts and even inventors have spent a great portion of their time producing toys to amuse the children. All this results in the employment of a great many more people and the expenditure of much more money than would otherwise take place, and it is beneficial to the people at large independently of the special benefactions to the poor and needy.

There is a vast contrast between the observance of Christmas at the present time and that of thirty or forty years ago. At that time most of the mills continued to run on Christmas day and the spirit of the festival was not generally recognized. The religious observance, however, has now become general in all Christian lands, and if it did nothing but inspire a little charity even for a short time each year it would be worth all it costs and a great deal more. The secular observance, however, is of course secondary to the religious which brings vividly to view the nativity of Christ and the work of man's redemption. The world has undergone a vast transformation since the birth of the Redeemer and the indications point to a time not far distant when the principles of Christianity will rule the entire world and when all nations and peoples will be united under the banner of the Redeemer.

THE TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN.

The city of Chicago is suffering terribly from the ravages of tuberculosis. A sanitary bulletin issued recently in that city says that there are upwards of 4000 victims of the disease in that city every year, that there are 10,000 cases under treatment and that the number is increasing at the rate of 476 a year.

It is estimated that consumption will kill 50,000 Chicagoans in the next ten years at the present rate of mortality. This disease in the care and treatment of cases, the work of prevention and the loss by death, costs the city $23,600,000 a year.

The bulletin makes this important statement:

"Consumption can be cured—if taken in time. Ninety per cent. of very early cases are curable in six months, or less. When usually diagnosed two years of treatment are necessary.

"Consumption can be diagnosed in its very early stages, when not infectious and while curable, by a tuberculin test. Don't depend on physical examination, history of case, or sputum examination in suspected early cases. These are unreliable in 50 per cent. of very early cases.

"A tuberculin test presents less danger than the use of anaesthetics and the incidence of accidents is less than from the use of street cars.

"Tuberculin for testing purposes is supplied free by the department of health.

The tuberculin test has not been used hereabouts for the human species and there has been a great kick against its use on cattle when it happened that a cow showing positive results of the test was ordered killed.

It seems that there is still much to be done in pushing preventive measures, especially in the line of hygienic instruction in the home. Tuberculosis flourishes where the laws of hygiene are unknown or neglected. It devolves upon boards of health to supply this instruction through all the agencies at their command—the police, the physicians, the pauper department, the schools, the churches and special agents sent out for the purpose of visiting families already affected with the disease.

SIMULTANEOUS ASSASSINATIONS.

The assassination of three high government officials in different countries within the space of twelve hours was a very rare coincidence, but one that shows conclusively a spirit of determination to resist tyrannical sway. In Korea Premier Yi of the Korean cabinet was fatally wounded by the knife of an assassin. The crime is of a political character, somewhat similar to that which led to the killing of Marquis Ito, a short time ago, and probably the result of intrigue.

In St. Petersburg the chief of the district police was blown to pieces by a bomb exploded by a man who had planned the assassination. The police official was very unpopular on account of his severity, and the crime is but a protest of a certain class against one of the rigorous features of the Russian regime.

The third assassination occurred in a theatre in the Bombay district in British India, the victim being a prominent official of the government. By some it is thought the object was revenge for a sentence recently imposed upon a criminal, but it was more probably as a result of the widespread opposition to the government that has recently sprung up in India.

The third assassination occurred in a theatre in the Bombay district in the right of self-government. That reform must be granted in the near future or else the government will have to maintain its authority by the continual use of force and by the presence of a large standing army. The people of India are waking up to the realization that they have some rights and to the fact that in the past they have been governed with a supreme disregard of these rights and the exercise of actual cruelty where this was necessary to maintain absolute government control.

THE ANTI-SPITTING LAW.

The Health Board of Lawrence has adopted a novel method of enforcing the anti-spitting law. An order has been placed for 5000 cards on which will be printed the spitting ordinance. These cards will be distributed among the police officers whose duty it will be to stop anybody found spitting on the street and present him with a card, at the same time cautioning him to stop the practice lest prosecution follow. That is a good plan as it will educate the people to the requirements and the penalties of the law.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

"Your new boss isn't very sociable, is he?" asked Crumley.

"Well," replied Digley, "he's a great old hand-shaker."

"Is he really?"

"Yes, he has shaken nearly all the old hands who were in the shop when he took charge."

THE MAN WITH A GROUCH

The man with a grouch never has any friends,
Folks avoid him as much as they can;
And the general comment you hear about him
Is: "A most disagreeable man."
For nobody cares how indignant you are,
Or what reasons you have to be cross.
The world will pass by you, if you're in the dumps,
And not think it much of a loss.

The man with a grouch should cover it up,
Or forget it—that's must better still.
You think you can't do it, but say, have you tried?
You certainly can, if you will.
It pays to be blithe, and to cherish a grudge
Is the foolishest thing you can do.
So keep a sharp lookout, and be mighty sure
That the man with the grouch isn't you.

The city council of Houston, Texas, has passed an ordinance providing a fare for strap hangers. The full fare may only be collected when a seat is furnished.

Mrs. Smith was engaging a new servant, and sat facing the latest applicant.

"I hope," said she, "that you had no angry words with your last mistress before leaving?"

"Oh, dear, no, mum; none whatever," was the reply, with a toss of her head. "While she was having her bath I just locked the bathroom door, took all my things and went away as quiet as possible."

Mitchell Cushing says there isn't any sympathy except in the dictionary, and you must know how to spell it in order to find it.

Hotels that have been making a specialty of serving a drink known as the "Cook Fizz—fresh from the North pole"—have changed the name by adding two letters to the word "fizz." Now it reads "fizzle."

Orville W. Peabody says that if Mayor-elect Meehan will reappoint him poundkeeper he will divide his salary with the various charitable organizations and hospitals in the city.

Did you ever see a schoolboy tumble on the ice without stooping immediately to rebuckle the strap of his skates? Life's shortcomings would be bitter indeed if we could not find excuses for them outside of ourselves.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

Opening Christmas afternoon and evening with the merry musical farce "The Man and the Mummy," Phil Ott's comedians will play a seven days' engagement at the Lowell Opera House.

The management doesn't claim to carry the very largest of companies, but perhaps it wouldn't be amiss to remember that "good things are usually found in small packages." That this kind of entertainment is in keeping with the requirements of the time is proved by the liberal patronage being given everywhere since capacity audiences is the rule wherever this company appears.

Mr. Ott believes in giving the public amusement, clean, refreshing and entertaining amusement, and the musical comedies he presents have been written with that one idea alone in view. There is a plot, of course, in each production but not of the problem order, simply a thread for introducing the various talents of his supporting company.

There is nothing but laughter from start to finish and audiences who perhaps have never seen him before on departing from the Opera House are fully convinced that musical comedy at popular prices is an assured success where Phil Ott's comedians hold the boards.

Seats are now on sale for the entire engagement.

"FOLLIES OF 1909."

Mr. Ziegfeld, who is sending his latest and best revue, "Follies of 1909," here on Monday, Jan. 3, for one performance with Miss Eva Tanguay, and the largest musical organization extant, always keeps his revues up-to-date in every respect. His latest novelty in this year's "Follies" is a travesty on the discovery of the North pole in which Cook and Peary play prominent parts.

"THE CIRCUS MAN."

The attraction which will prevail at the Opera House Jan. 7 and 8, will be Maclyn Arbuckle in "The Circus Man," which is Klaw & Erlanger's third big production of the season. The play comes here from Boston, where it registered a hit of colossal proportions. "The Circus Man" has been compared to "The Old Homestead," "Way Down East," "The County Fair," and plays of that type, and in many respects it is said to be their superior. Mr. Arbuckle will have the advantage of a strong supporting company, and Klaw & Erlanger have seen to it that the production has received a handsome mounting. "The Circus Man" abounds in quaint types, and each of its first five acts are replete with both humor and pathos. It is founded on Kolman F. Day's charming story of Maine people, "Squire Phin."

STAR THEATRE

Carrisno and her four famous bears, featuring "Judy," a monster bear, as Salome, will be the attraction at the Star theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is undoubtedly the greatest animal act in vaudeville. The bears do everything but talk. The musical Buskirk Co., now at the theatre, present a very funny act entitled "Alderman Flanigan and the Messenger Boy." The act has a sensational finish with the golden anvil chorus during which electric sparks fly everywhere. There will be no advance in prices. Five cents, the admission, includes a seat.

HATHAWAY THEATRE

Tony Hunting, the brick topped delivery boy, who appears with the rest of his family in "The Fool House," at Hathaway's theatre this week, is truly a comedian. He doesn't have to resort to slam-bang tactics to cause laughter; he rolls his eyes, utters a few words, and one is compelled to laugh. The act all the way through is worthy of being headlined. It is one long scream of laughter.

Jack Connolly and Margaret Webb show up in the ingeniously arranged skit called "A Stormy Finish." Connolly's burlesque playing of the piano is a delight, especially when he turns to rattling off grand opera with bananas, and gives "Hiawatha" by rolling a lemon over the keys. But the finish of the act is the comedy gem. A great deal happens in a brief space of time.

Other good acts on the holiday bill are: Lawrence and Edwards in "The New Alderman; Mignotte Kokin, novelty comedienne; Gallotti's trained baboons; LeRoy, character impersonator; Jeters and Rogers, comedy roller skaters, and the Hathascope with new films.

Performances will be given every afternoon and evening during the remainder of the week, with special seats at the matinees for women.

THEATRE VOYONS

Christmas day the Theatre Voyons will give performances commencing at one in the afternoon and continuing without a break till 11 at night. The program is to be an excellent one, suitable for the season, and one that would be interesting and amusing at any season of the year. "A Trap for Santa Claus" is a genuine new story picture for its plot is different from any other and the interest does not drag a minute. Sunday the Theatre Voyons will offer a selected program.

MRS. DUFFIELD DEAD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Harry Duffield, known on the stage for many years as Phosa McAllister, is dead at her home in Glendale. For several seasons she was Edwin Booth's leading woman and played with him in New York and on the road. Mrs. Duffield was born 58 years ago at Stoneham, Mass.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN

Is Reported to be a Sick Man

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.—William J. Bryan, who has been in this city several days as the guest of his cousin, Ex-Gov. Wm. S. Jennings, was too ill last night to deliver his scheduled address at the Duval theatre for the benefit of a local hospital.

Mr. Bryan is suffering from a severe cold and is threatened with pneumonia. He has cancelled all future dates and will remain here several days.

A message from the bedside of William J. Bryan at 11.30 o'clock last night was that he was resting easily. His condition is in no way serious, but his physicians say that it will be necessary for him to remain within doors for several days, by doing which he will ward off the threatened case of pneumonia.

MAINE GRANGE

Scored Distribution of Mill Tax

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 24.—The annual session of the Maine state grange closed last night after one of the most largely attended, harmonious and generally satisfactory sessions in the history of the order in Maine. The installation of officers was the first business of the day, Past Master Obadiah Gardner presiding. The installing officers were George S. Ladd, past master, and Mrs. Ladd, past flora of the Massachusetts state grange.

The legislative committee reported a protest against the distribution of the mill tax for the support of schools by valuation instead of according to population. The committee claimed that while the distribution of the mill tax according to population would give $208 to each boy and girl of school age in Maine, under the distribution by valuation the boys and girls of Portland get $4.45 each, those of the rich town of Eden or Bar Harbor draw $6.19, while in the smaller and poorer towns, where the school money is needed the most, the proportion is very small.

The extreme was reached at St. Agatha, in Aroostook, where each pupil gets only 19 cents and many small towns in Maine get less than 50 cents to a scholar. The committee claimed that this was an injustice, giving the children of the larger towns and cities vastly more advantages than those in the country.

Chairman Obadiah Gardner gave a resume of the work of the committee during the past year. The expense of the legislative committee was given as $980. The other members of the committee are Prof. Allen E. Rogers of Orono, Edward Evans of Belfast, C. S. Stetson, the present state master, and William J. Thompson of China. The report was adopted after a discussion by Mr. Rogers, F. S. Adams and Columbus Hayford.

The afternoon session was devoted to memorial exercises conducted by the state chaplain, Rev. J. H. Little. Resolutions were adopted in memory of L. W. Dyer, who was a member of the executive committee, M. B. Hunt, a past treasurer, G. M. Douglass, who was gatekeeper for eight years, Lizzie M. Gregory and Olive Whitmore, who held offices in the state grange.

Eulogies were delivered by State Master Stetson, Obadiah Gardner, Edward Evans, R. D. Leavitt, Columbus Hayford and B. Walker McKeen. James Pike of South Paris and the state grange choir rendered several selections. The reports of pomona masters followed. The evening session was devoted to unfinished business, reports of various committees and final adjournment.

EXPLORER PEARY

Will Not Go to the South Pole

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Never again will he head an expedition either to the North pole or to the South. This announcement was made last night by Commander Peary. He stands ready, however, to assist any expedition which contemplates setting out for either extremity of the earth.

"My work has been accomplished," said Commander Peary. "I made it known some time ago in Brussels that I would assist any expedition that would set out for the South pole and at the same time also said that I would not personally conduct such an expedition. I still hold to this and I have no intention of changing my mind."

CAPT. BARTLETT

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 24.—Apparently content with his polar laurels, Capt. "Bob" Bartlett, the commander of the Peary Arctic steamer Roosevelt, will not go in search of the South pole as a member of the British Antarctic expedition under Lieut. Scott. Capt. Bartlett has notified the owners of the sealing steamer Southern Cross that he will accept the command of that vessel and will not join the Antarctic expedition. Capt. Moses Bartlett went as master of the schooner John R. Bradley which took Dr. Cook Etah on his recent trip to the Arctic regions.

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Storm Boots
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Tams
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Mufflers
Overcoats
Suits

USE OF STOVAINE

New York Physicians Advise Special Conditions

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The medical profession, which regarded the anaesthetic use of stovaine-strychnine by Dr. Thomas Jonnesco, the Roumanian operator, in an unconvinced manner, is now beginning to express itself as to the results. The New York Medical Journal will say in its issue this week: "We have now no hesitation in saying that it would be injudicious to substitute spinal anaesthetization for the commoner methods of securing general anaesthesia—that is to say, in the generality of cases."

Dr. Virgil P. Gibney, surgeon-in-chief at the New York Hospital for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, who operated personally on two of the children during Dr. Jonnesco's first demonstration on Dec. 8, and saw the other operations by Dr. Homer Gibney and Dr. W. B. Coley, gives credit to the foreigner for his "thoroughness," but for this very reason would prefer him to handle the needle.

He says: "Personally, however, I should hesitate a long while before I allowed any high injection of any solution into my spinal canal. The vascular supply within the canal is too rich, and the danger of hemorrhage induced thereby sufficiently great to make me prefer local anaesthesia or anaesthesia through the respiratory tract. In my own practice I have long since abandoned spinal anaesthesia because my own operations are rarely performed as a dernier resort, and my patients prefer oblivion when the pros and cons are fully discussed."

Two days after the operations referred to Dr. Jonnesco gave another demonstration at the Post Graduate hospital, the subject being adults. One operation for appendicitis and one for hernia were successfully performed under the new analgesic, but in another hernia operation by Dr. Jonnesco himself, the patient felt much pain, and the fourth operation for bone tumor on the head, came near resulting disastrously.

Dr. Aspinwall Judd, who operated with Dr. Robert F. Morris, was forced to rush the subject from the table, three minutes after the injection had been made, and resort to oxygen and artificial respiration. For 24 hours this was kept up, and one hour after the operation the patient, who had formerly been an epileptic, developed wild delirium which required a straitjacket to control and continued at intervals throughout the day.

In referring to the hernia operation in which the patient suffered, Dr. Judd says that it consumed 35 minutes, the time allotted by Dr. Jonnesco in which to do efficient work under his method of anaesthesia.

"While the use of stovaine and strychnine anaesthesia in competent hands and in selected cases," continues Dr. Judd, "unquestionably has its advantages over the general form of anaesthesia, still, at the present time we are not convinced of its efficiency in general use. Administered in the upper part of the spinal cord, if we can draw conclusions from the one case mentioned, its dangers far exceed those of the other methods."

But, he adds, there are a good many patients for whom it would be desirable, such as drug habitues, those whose undue nausea would break stitches, sufferers from heart depression, aged persons and others.

Dr. Edward Martin of the University hospital, Philadelphia, reports that one patient operated on for amputation with the Jonnesc) anaesthetic in use narrowly escaped death, artificial respiration being resorted to, and also ether, to control pain. There was a death under a Philadelphia imitator of Dr. Jonnesco and a cast of partial paralysis. The New York Medical Journal condemns the method as a routine procedure, although admitting its usefulness under certain special conditions.

WILLIAM WATSON AND HIS WIFE, WHO DENIES THAT HE IS INSANE

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—The English poet, William Watson, and his wife are here, and Mrs. Watson has sent several cable dispatches to friends in England and the United States denying the statement that her husband is insane. The Watsons left New York suddenly after the poet gave out the sensational statement directed at the wife and daughter of Premier Asquith of Great Britain in explanation of his poem entitled "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue." Robinson Watson, brother of the poet, is responsible for the statement that William is not of sound mind. Mrs Watson declares that it is a wicked attempt to ruin her husband and that a feud has existed between the brothers for years.

BALTIMORE'S CITY EXPENDITURES

The following figures showing the economical administration of the city government of Baltimore, Md., have been compiled by W. H. Maltbie. He says that Baltimore is the most economically run city in the country. The column "average city" refers to the average of the fifteen largest cities, the figures being taken from census bureau reports:

Items	Average city	Baltimore
General government: i. e. council, mayor, board, financial offices, legal offices, elections, care of buildings, courts	$1,067,449	$ 832,316
Protection of life and property, police, militia, building inspector, etc.	2,542,283	1,828,590
Health, sewerage, garbage, street cleaning, etc.	980,550	722,900
Highways	974,155	734,260
Charities and correction	659,061	570,005
Education	2,695,714	1,810,452
Recreation	368,664	264,253
Miscellaneous—general expenses	228,818	15,513
Cost of public service enterprises—water, markets, docks, etc.	699,924	561,926
Interest on debt	1,921,768	1,638,540
Payments to sinking fund	3,248,514	1,713,129
Outlays for permanent improvements	5,592,165	3,537,640

CHINESE CASES

In Boston Have Been Placed On File

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The cases of three of the defendants in the Chinese murder cases, Dong Bok Ling, Wong Duck and Wong How, were placed on file in the superior criminal court yesterday and the prisoners released from Charles street jail.

Dist. Att'y Pelletier recommended this action to Judge Wait, on the ground that the evidence was not sufficient to justify a conviction. Judge Wait agreed to the recommendations of the district attorney and when the cases were disposed of he paid a high compliment to Mr. Pelletier and the jury.

The judge thanked the jury for its painstaking attention in listening to the cases tried during the term and the intelligence and judgment displayed in their verdicts.

His honor then commended the district attorney for his ability and discrimination shown in the selection of cases proper for trial during the past month. He further said that Mr. Pelletier had shown good sense in the examination and settlement of a large number of cases in the district attorney's office.

Mr. Pelletier examined about 275 cases, including appeals and indictments, in addition to passing on the cases that he ordered tried. He disposed of the batch by recommending various dispositions on pleas of guilty and where there was no probable chance of conviction he disposed of a case by placing it on file or nol prossing it.

As a result of his disposition of the large number of cases, the time of the court was not taken up in the trial of cases in which the evidence was lacking and an acquittal would have been probable.

There were 43 cases tried by Asst. Att'y Webber. Most of them were important cases in which heavy sentences were imposed by the judge. Of the number tried there were 35 convictions, six acquittals, one disagreement and one acquittal by order of the court.

In regard to the Chinese case, Dist Att'y Pelletier, who recommended placing the indictment on file and discharging the men from custody, issued this statement:

"The men just released, Dong Bok Ling, Wong Duck and Wong How, were granted new trials some time ago. Recently the governor and council after a hearing on the matter commuted the sentences of Warry Charles and Joe Guey from death to life imprisonment. The late John B. Moran nol pross'd the case against Yee Jung and Yee Wat died during the trial.

"After a careful consideration of the case against Dong Bok Ling, Wong Duck and Wong How, I came to the conclusion that I was not warranted in proceeding to trial, there being a grave doubt in my mind as to whether we could obtain a conviction.

"The cases against these three men have therefore been placed on file, the understanding being that Wong Duck and Dong Bok Ling leave the state. Wong How is at present in very poor health. The men have been in jail over two years and the cases just placed on file may be brought forward for trial at any time should reasons arise for doing so."

BAD TEETH BREED GERMS

Why good health depends upon good teeth and a clean mouth was explained by Dr. Samuel A. Hopkins at the Boston Young Men's Christian Union.

"Badly neglected teeth in childhood is felt through the entire life of the individual," said Dr. Hopkins.

"Nearly all the disease germs find lodgment and development in the human mouth."

"The spread of contagion is largely through drinking cups or eating utensils."

"Proper care of the mouth and teeth will go far in limiting the spread of contagious diseases."

"Cases of anaemia and physical and mental disability in children can be frequently traced to broken down or lost teeth."

"Disease of the eyes and ears arise from diseased teeth.

Many cases of tuberculosis owe their development to the germs in the mouth."

"The pneumonia germ is present in perhaps twenty per cent. of the mouths."

Why not attend to your teeth immediately. Neglect may be the cause of much suffering. The methods of modern dentistry have simplified what was formerly a severe ordeal, so that now with the OBTUNDINE SYSTEM OF PAINLESS DENTISTRY anyone can with only slight inconvenience have teeth filled, crowned or extracted. Come and have your teeth examined. DR. GAGNON, 466 Merrimack street, opp. Tilden street.

SAFE BLOWN OPEN

BALLSTON, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The safe of the Ballston postoffice was blown open with glycerine today and robbed of $1500. Four men were seen running from the scene of the robbery.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUBS

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The American Association of Cosmopolitan clubs in convention here has decided to affiliate with the Corda Fratres, a like organization in Europe. The object of the combination of chapters of the world's universities will be to further the movement for worldwide peace. The student bodies will also endeavor to have a representation at The Hague conference in 1915.

GREAT DAMAGE

BY FLOODS IN THE RIVERS OF PORTUGAL

LISBON, Dec. 24.—The rivers of Portugal are raging torrents today following an unprecedented rainfall. The material damage is considerable.

MILKMAN HURT

Euclid Vallerand Was Thrown From Wagon

Euclid Vallerand, residing at 94 West Meadow road, was seriously injured last night as a result of being thrown from his wagon at the corner of Mammoth and West Meadow roads.

Vallerand, who is a milkman, had a wagon loaded with milk cans and was going towards his home when the accident happened. It was about 8.30 o'clock, and as he steered the horse from Mammoth road into West Meadow road the animal took a short turn and Mr. Vallerand was thrown out. When the horse felt the reins fall on its back it started to run and did not stop until it entered the yard.

Though Mr. Vallerand was stunned, he was able to make his way to his home. Dr. Rochette was summoned, and upon examining the man found that he was suffering from a sprained arm, injured side and lacerations about the head.

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MYSTERIOUS AIRSHIP

In Nightly Flight Startles Many New England Cities

WORCESTER, Dec. 24.—That part of Worcester that did not see the "airship" high up above the clouds Wednesday evening saw it last night between 6 and 7.30 o'clock. So there should be no disappointed ones within the city or in the surrounding country, either, for the brilliant object at an excessive altitude remained around for observation long enough.

Just as reported Wednesday evening, it came from out of the dull, black east, or perhaps the southeast, last evening. It sped over the city but far aloft, so far aloft that it traversed a celestrial track behind the clouds at times, and then "the searchlight" by which the reckless nocturnal aviator was finding his way was obscured.

He was a playful aeronaut, this manipulator of the mysterious device which had conquered when others had failed. At times he turned his headlight full on until it looked like the powerful lamp of a motor car. The rays "cut the dusky pall of night," as the policeman on the corner said, as the human agent diverted the lamp from one direction to another.

Shafts of Light

The shafts of light shone down on streets, illuminated the waving flags upon the tall department store on Main street, made the polished window panes of the office buildings alive with a wierd, uncanny flame. The keen rays danced across the sky and "ever and anon," as the porter in a restaurant said, "ever and anon" they accomplished circles.

The young woman who sits up late serving doughnuts and coffee in the modest lunchroom was enthralled. Never in her life, said she—and she has lived some time, and most successfully—had she seen so entrancing a demonstration of the ingenuity of man in "rivaling the glorious orbs of night themselves."

So it went through the city from about 6 o'clock. Worcester was watching last evening "on the ocular proof of the existence of Wallace E. Tillinghast's wonderful monoplane that can be raised to an altitude of 4000 feet and be hove to for repairs. Worcester would not let it escape last evening.

Many Scan the Heavens

People forgot their suppers in the keen contest for the honor of being the first to hail the appearance of the air machine which had been accredited to Mr. Tillinghast, although he was not seeking such generous acknowledgment of his efforts in emulation of the Wright brothers. They sat on their doorsteps and craned their necks as they scanned the heavens.

In the main thoroughfares people with bundles stood agape, and as they gazed skyward they forgot to board the street cars for which they had been waiting. Everywhere vertebrae were in danger of dislocation.

Finally the presence of the monarch of the heavenly heights was heralded from the northwest section of the city. The wise men there saw it first. Like a fire balloon, as large as a milk pail, it loomed up against the sky.

The standard of the lamp must have had a reflector, for it was turned to the east, west, north and south at various moments, and it shone with equal strength in every direction. The men in the quarters of chemical 3 rushed to the street and were lost in wonder.

Men and women poured from the clubrooms and women rushed from the houses to view this phenomenon. The streets were thronged.

Country Towns Report It

From there the news spread to all quarters of the city. Motormen stopped the street cars to take a long look at the wonderful light that must be controlled by human hand, said they. The street car men were sure the reflector was a more powerful one than the magnifying lamp carried on her forward dashboard. It was equal to the concentrated power of a dozen street car headlights, they exclaimed in admiration.

Wednesday night's sensation was nothing like that of last night. And everybody in the neighboring cities wanted to notify Worcester that the "air ship" was abroad. Worcester, the supposed home of the audacious aviator, was warned from a score of sources to keep its eye on the bold aviator, who was playing with the people this way, throwing the shafts of his "searchlight" in their eyes and parading his supremacy over all terrestrial agencies.

Marlboro sent a hasty dispatch by wire that the ship had just left and was sailing toward Worcester. Look out!

Westboro said the air ship had just passed with a monster light right amidships. So high in the air was it, however, that it was impossible to discern the outline of the mammoth aeroplane, even with the strongest telescopes and field glasses.

Indicated by Telephone

Leominster had it "cutting athwart the azure sky," and Fitchburg, not less rhetorical, reported the monster lamp throwing its "clear, blinding yellow rays across the dome of inky blackness."

Then Maynard: "Like a pellucid stream the waves of light broke through, over, beyond, under and up against the filmy splotches white, a dazzling play in cloudland."

It seemed as if anybody in and outside of Worcester who had a telephone or could reach one, was calling up somebody or other to apprise him of the great exploit of the mysterious one who as a navigator of the unknown regions above was exceeding even the most fanciful dreamers in the realism of his accomplishment, just as if Worcester did not know she was the home of an airship that was outdoing all that anyone ever believed would ever be imagined of such a vessel.

Moynihan Alone Fails

Now there was one man in Worcester Wednesday who ought to know all about that airship. High up in the tower of the fire headquarters wherein is located the fire alarm telegraph office, the operator on duty could "view the landscape o'er" in any and every direction with but successive turns of his head. He ought to know about this ship.

So the people that remembered this man in his eyrie rang him up by telephone. It happened that the first one to think of it was a fireman attached to chemical 3. He called and the alert Frank Moynihan, the night fire alarm operator, responded.

"Have you seen the airship, Frank?" asked the fireman.

"No," said Mr. Moynihan, "where is it?"

"Over to the southwest, going toward Springfield, and going like blue blazes."

Frank took a peek out of the window and, of course, he saw it. Then he went back to the telephone.

"I've seen it," said he. "Great, isn't it? It's Venus, you know; Venus, the planet. Have another look. It's great! Good night."

Firemen Say Its Venus

As Mr. Moynihan turned from the telephone to take another look at the brilliant Venus, then rapidly disappearing, he gazed down across the street, and into the building where Wallace E. Tillinghast has his office and drafting room, and there was Mr. Tillinghast hard at work over the drafting board in his office.

Mr. Tillinghast was not talking about his airship yesterday. He would not see anybody, not even an expert who came from New York to go over the details of his monoplane with him. He did not care if the eminent authority on aeronautics had journeyed from the gold fields of Alaska to see him. He was talking steam fitting yesterday, was his message, for that is his business.

"By and by, when I get ready, I will tell about my monoplane," said he. "I can carry three or four persons at 120 miles an hour and do all I have claimed for it."

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COACH STAGG

Speaks on the Football Rules

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Coach A. A. Stagg yesterday applied the knife to the forward pass in the cause of sane football. The university of Chicago mentor operated on the forward pass rules with a view of lessening the annual toll of football deaths and injuries and will present the results to the national experts at next Tuesday's meeting of the International Athletic Association in New York.

Coach Stagg's ideas for football revision follows:

"Not to allow pulling or pushing of the man carrying the man in order to prevent mass plays and striking with the force of two or three men in a compact body.

"To remove the penalty for an uncompleted forward pass on the first and second down. Let the ball be brought back to the point from which it was thrown without penalty, to encourage open and spectacular play.

"To put a penalty on a player crawling with the ball and to enforce the penalty for dropping on a man that is on the ground.

"To protect the receiver of forward passes and on-side kicks from hard body checking.

"To legislate as far as possible for the removal of players suffering from exhaustion by urging upon coaches and trainers to remove such men and by having a rule that a man who takes out time the second time shall be put out of the game.

"To limit the halves in high school, preparatory schools, and all untrained teams to no more than 25 minutes."

ARRESTED LEADING PRAYER

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—While leading a prayer meeting of several hundred persons and singing the hymn, "There Is Sunshine In My Heart Today," Frank Albert was arrested and yesterday confessed the larceny of a $50 gold watch from the home of a woman at whose kitchen door he begged for food a few months ago.

From a tramp, Albert said he had become a missionary and for several weeks had been leading prayer meetings.

WOMAN AUTOIST

Was Shot by Robbers at Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec 24.—Men armed with shotguns attempted to hold up an automobile filled with Atlantic City people near New Grana and then fired a load of small shot which wounded Mrs. William E. Mathis. A score of shots entered Mrs. Mathis' face, but she is not dangerously wounded, although suffering severely from the shock of the attack.

Mrs. Mathis was in a touring car with Mrs. Thomas C. Tompkins and her son, along with Mr. Mathis, who was driving the machine on the highway between New York and this city.

The men stepped in front of the car just outside New Grana, about 10 miles from this city. Mathis saw them, and when he paid no attention saw one of the men raise a shotgun to his shoulder. Other members of the party besides Mrs. Mathis saw the threatening motion and dodged just as the supposed robber pulled the trigger.

The car was rushed to this city where surgeons removed the shot from Mrs. Mathis' face, and the detectives are searching for the men.

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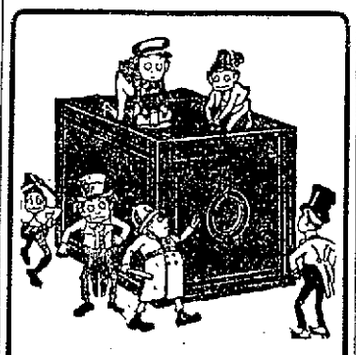

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SHERMAN LAW

Invoked Against Periodical Clearing House

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 24.—United States District Attorney Day yesterday called the attention of the department of justice to the periodical clearing house of New York to ascertain if it is violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

The clearing house is located at 156 Fifth avenue, New York. F. C. J. Tessare is the general manager.

The clearing house has had as members twenty-six popular publications, including Leslie's Weekly, Cosmopolitan, Everybody's, American, McClure's, Hampton's, Harper's Bazar, Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Review of Reviews, Current Literature, Scribner's, Good Housekeeping, Country Life, Judge Quarterly, Judge Library, Judge's Short Stories, Delineator, Designer, Motor and Garden, World's Work, Woman's Home Companion and Suburban Life.

W. H. Brett, public librarian, recently wrote to the Franklin Square Agency of New York for figures on $4500 worth of magazines for the Cleveland libraries for 1910. Brett asked for discount on account of the large size of the orders.

The Franklin Square Agency wrote back that no discount would be given and that the clearing house would prevent him from buying them anywhere at a lower price.

Brett then investigated the clearing house and it is alleged found circulars in which it is said business would be refused from any agent who cut prices. He says also that he discovered an agreement whereby agents promise to submit to a fine in case they sell under clearing house figures. Brett placed his evidence before United States District Attorney Day.

All new tunes, Prescott, Xmas.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Weather Will be Varied Over Country

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Christmas day weather will be varied, the country over. In the northwest there will be snow and nipping cold although there will be no extreme temperature. From the Mississippi river to the Rocky mountains snow will fall in the north and in the central portion there will be a combination of snow and rain that will quickly turn to slush.

In the south rains will dampen the Christmas enthusiasm. The same rains will probably sweep over the upper lake region, the Ohio valley and the east gulf states on Christmas.

In the Atlantic states the day will be cloudy but it is believed there will be no precipitation. The Pacific slope, according to the long distance view of the weather bureau, will be practically the only section of the country that will enjoy fair weather.

Kittredge's, Associate hall, tonight.

If you want help at home, or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

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EIGHT MEN DEAD

400 Others Had Narrow Escapes in An Explosion

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Eight men were killed and 400 others had narrow escapes in an explosion of gas in mine "A" of the Chicago & Cartersville Coal Co. at Herrin, Ill., late yesterday.

Open lamps, carried by employes, are believed to have caused the disaster. There were three men and a boy in this party and all are dead.

Within five minutes of the first explosion the miners in the vicinity were started toward the surface and on the return trips of the cages rescuers were lowered to where the catastrophe occurred.

The dead include:

W. T. PIERCE, mine engineer.

EUGENE BARRETT, assistant engineer.

THOMAS WILLIAMS, assistant manager.

James Guinney, superintendent of the mine, and Robert Hueston, manager, headed the first relay of rescuers. Despite the black damp which followed into the chambers adjoining those in which Pierce and his party were killed, these men went into the workings and recovered bodies of three miners.

The efforts to penetrate more deeply were repulsed by increasing banks of afterdamp and the rescuing party was forced to retreat, leaving the bodies of Pierce and several of his companions.

Fire also began to gain headway and it is expected that the bodies will be recovered today.

News of the disaster spread through Herrin and there was a rush of hysterical women and crying children to the shaft house.

Big hits from Elsie Janis and The Young Turk, Prescott, Xmas.

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There Are Gift Things Here For Everybody

THE UNITED STATES

Gives Encouragement to Revolutionists in Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—After a peremptory warning to President Madriz that the United States will hold him personally responsible for the safety of Americans in the western part of Nicaragua, the state department last night gave more than moral encouragement to the revolutionists. Under orders from Secretary Knox, American red cross funds are to be expended in caring for the sick and wounded troops of both the Estrada and Zelayan armies, more than 2000 of whom are incapacitated in Bluefields.

This action by the United States is expected to be more efficacious than the despatch of a strong force. "Bread, instead of bullets," is the watchword of the state department and it is generally believed that the prospects of food and medical attention will win over more men from the government ranks than any other plan that could be adopted.

According to the latest reports, the medical corps of the various war vessels now at Bluefields has installed hospitals ashore, where scores are being cared for. The procession of sick and wounded men through the town is said to be pitiful, and although Estrada is doing everything in his power to relieve the suffering, his resources are meagre.

With a view to relieving the situation, Secretary Knox consulted with the American red cross last night, and immediately afterward dispatched the following to Thomas H. Moffett, United States consul at Bluefields:

"The American national red cross will telegraph you tomorrow, the 24th, five thousand dollars, and they will send another five thousand if needed. Navy department has instructed Capt. Shipley to land whatever supplies can be furnished from our ships now at Bluefields and orders will be given the Prairie, now at Colon, to transport immediately to Bluefields from the stores intended for the marines, or from the Panama canal commission department such supplies as you may ask for within the limit of five thousand dollars to be cabled you tomorrow. You will cooperate with Shipley in the distribution of supplies, payment for all of which, both those landed from ships at Bluefields and those sent from Colon will be recouped from red cross fund."

This telegram followed closely the receipt of a report from Consul Moffett depicting the state of affairs in Bluefields. His account of the suffering of the defeated Zelayan soldiers was brief but graphic. Incidentally, he reported that more than 900 men were killed on both sides in the recent battle at Rama. The dispatch follows:

"Two thousand starved, emaciated prisoners have been brought here from Zelaya's surrendered army. The sight of the sick and weary, tottering through the streets is horrible; half are mere boys. The emergency hospital established by the Des Moines and Tacoma contains ninety wounded, the city hospital sixty. Few of the surrendered army had shoes or blankets. Scores were almost naked, all are in a pitiable condition. Estrada is furnishing them with blankets, clothing, shoes, and food as best he can. Flour, beans, rice, sugar, coffee and condensed milk are needed instantly to feed the starving Zelayan soldiers. Disease and death threatens unless they are properly given best of food and care.

"The great and sudden demand for proper clothing and food for the suffering is a problem for the provisional government whose resources are exhausted, their own men, numbering 3000 are well fed and clothed, but they cannot find means whereby to care for their increased burden.

"I have discussed the seriousness of the situation fully with Captain Shipley of the Des Moines and believe, and suggest that a ship should be sent to Colon immediately to bring here sufficient quantities of the provisions enumerated to feed 2000 men for thirty days. Present situation threatens starvation and disease. It is estimated now that over 900 were killed on both sides."

Orders were issued last night to the Prairie to be in readiness to sail at once from Colon with supplies. Up to a late hour no plans had been made for the landing of marines, although it is expected that a small shore guard may be utilized to mount watch over the American hospitals. This will not be done, however, unless the American naval commanders on the scene believe it necessary to preserve discipline in the vicinity of the hospitals and to safeguard the distribution of food and supplies when they come.

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HELD SECOND ANNUAL PARTY LAST EVENING

The Phoenix club held its second annual party in Prescott hall last evening with an attendance of about 300 young people. Kittredge's orchestra furnished music and preceded the dancing with a delightful concert program. A dainty souvenir dance order was given each guest. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight. The officers of the party were as follows:

General manager, William Connors; assistant general manager, Joseph Powers; floor director, Bernard Connors; assistant floor director, John Burgoyne; chief aid, Frank Murphy; treasurer, William F. Fox; aids, John Brady, Gus Moody, Frank Bamford, James McGuire, Fred Campbell, Hugh McNulty, Andrew Dwyer, Charles Sweeney, Harry Trickett, William Ferguson, Thomas Higgins, John Doolin, James McKinnon, Emma Clemont, Alice Clemont, Marietta Mooney, Alice Kelly, Grace Crawford, Evereida Webster, Bertha Trickett, Alice Kaler, Margaret Sheenan, Alice Donohoe, Kitty Loughlin, Nora Coughlin, Kittie Lynch, Mary Doherty, Bertha Clemont, Nora Boyle, Marion Fitzpatrick.

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SONG OF "DIXIE"

IS SAID TO BE THE MOST POPULAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—"Dixie" has finally been officially proclaimed as first in American songs and music in "patriotic popularity." Such is the verdict of O. G. T. Sonneck, chief of the division of music of the library of congress, who has just issued an exhaustive report on four famous American musical compositions.

"Yankee Doodle," he said, though no longer a national song, is still a national air and second only to "Dixie" in the popularity contest.

The origin and evolution of "Yankee Doodle," "Star Spangled Banner," "Hail Columbia" and "America," are treated in full detail in Mr. Sonneck's volume.

The history of "Yankee Doodle" is described as "a perfect maze of conflicting stories," and countless additions to and variations from the original.

As many as 14 variations of the "Star Spangled Banner" are noted, accompanied by a gradual process of polishing and modification.

The year in which "America" was first sung in public is given as 1832, but the exact place and date were not definitely ascertained.

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ORDER OF OWLS

The second meeting of Lowell Nest of Owls will be held next Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, in Odd Fellows temple, 84 Middlesex street, at 2 o'clock sharp. The degree team will exemplify the work, a large class of candidates will be obligated. All who desire to go on the charter list must have their applications in at this meeting. The organizer will be at the temple from 11 to 2 o'clock for the purpose of receiving applications. A large delegation of visiting owls is expected from out of the city.

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"A few months afterwards I saw an advertisement in a newspaper of the Cuticura Remedies. I at once sent off for some Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Resolvent Pills, but thinking they would be no better than the other remedies. But to my surprise after the first order was used the scales disappeared and the itching ceased and after using another order of the Cuticura Remedies I was completely cured, after suffering for nearly two years. I shall be glad to write to any one who may be interested in my cure. Carl Haldeman, Marshall, Wis., October 25, 1908."

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THE "INS" AND "OUTS" AT XMAS

A STORY TOLD BY THE CAMERA

This picture reflects a mingled story of joy and sadness on Christmas day, as faithful a tale of the "ins" and "outs" or "ups" and "downs" of juvenile life as the camera can tell. On one hand is a group of happy tots reveling in the lavish gifts of Santa Claus on Christmas morning. The fickle old fellow evidently has shown some partiality here, and if the three little girls who are standing gazing furtively into the toyshop window could catch a glimpse of the other scene they might wonder why they were forgotten in the distribution of playthings. But there are not many instances of this in our happy land. Nearly every child is remembered, in some way at Christmas, the most joyous time of all the year the world around.

"STONEWALL" KELLEY

The Well Known Dracut Farmer Fatally Injured

Struck On Head by Heavy Timber While at Work on His Farm—He Was 81 Years of Age and a Most Interesting Character

George G. Kelley, one of Dracut's oldest and best known residents, familiarly called "Stonewall" Kelley, died last evening at the residence of his cousin, J. T. Green, 16 Fifth street, Lowell, as the result of injuries received while at work on his farm in Arlington road, Dracut, yesterday afternoon. He was 81 years of age.

Mr. Kelley and W. G. Stewart, an employe were about to drive a load of hay out of the barn on the Kelley farm when the accident occurred. Mr. Kelley, who despite his years worked actively about the farm, opened the great swinging barn door and was about to prop it up with a heavy timber when a gust of wind wrenched both door and timber from his grasp. The door swung inward hurling the timber against Mr. Kelley's skull, and crushing it. He fell to the ground unconscious and bleeding profusely. Mr. Stewart and a young man named L. C. Stanhope picked up the unconscious man and carried him into the farmhouse. The Lowell ambulance was called and he was removed to Fifth street, where he has made his home for the past three years. Dr. William A. Johnson was called but Mr. Kelley never regained consciousness.

Mr. Kelley was an eccentric character, beloved for his eccentricities. He was born on the old farm at which he met his death 81 years ago, and was the fourth generation of his family to occupy the old homestead. In 1849 he was seized with the gold fever and went to California, where he spent the next 16 years of his life, as a prospector and miner with more than the usual profit to his fortunes. When he returned, at about the end of the Civil war, he brought with him a good sized fortune.

Since that time he has been busy spending a portion of his money in improving his old home farm. From a waste of rock and unfruitful soil, he has turned the 150 acres which comprise it into one of the most productive farms in Dracut, clear of rock, drained in the most approved manner and capable of raising the finest of crops. Much of this improvement was the work of his own hands, and the concrete results of the long years are evident in the 15 foot stone walls so common to the well known spot, whence came his nickname of "Stonewall."

For years Mr. Kelley was a familiar figure as he drove his ox team loaded with hay or other farm products through the streets of Lowell. A remembrance of him will always be connected with his team of oxen by many people.

While in the west he married a Mrs Mossman. His wife returned with him to the east, but died about six years ago, and since then he has lived for the most part with families residing near his Dracut farm, or with his Centralville relatives. He has, however, visited his farm each day when his health permitted, one of his particular tasks being the care of the two cats which took charge of the farm in his absence.

It had been Mr. Kelley's custom to go to California almost every winter, and he had intended starting for Los Angeles and San Diego on the first of January, in company with his youthful cousin, 15-year-old Frederick Kelley of Apple street. Mr. Kelley formerly had large real estate interests in San Francisco and western states, and was a severe loser by the San Francisco earthquake. The value of his estate is not known, even by his relatives, but it is supposed to be considerable.

Mr. Kelley leaves two step-children, Mrs. Mary Leach of Exeter, N. H., and Dr. Alvaro E. Mossman of Westminster. He also has several cousins living in this city.

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POPULAR COMEDIAN MAKES FLYING TRIP HOME

James H. Callahan, Lowell's diminutive and celebrated comedian, made a flying visit to Lowell yesterday to see the folks for Christmas and he jumped away again this morning to join the show at Johnstown, N. Y. tomorrow, for Jimmie is now at the head of the "Toymakers" company playing the part created by Frank Daniels and is making a big hit. A second company is about to start on the road and it is expected that a Lowell young woman will go out with the second company. The "Toymakers" have just finished a successful tour of New England and Canada and now go west to Michigan. They have been playing to good houses all along and the press notices say all kinds of nice things about little Jimmie and his cleverness.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

The regular meeting of Spindle City circle, C. of A. was held in Post 120 hall last evening. The election of officers resulted as follows: C. C., Alice Devine; S. C. C., Mary Rourke; R. S., Elizabeth Devine; F. S. Lilla O'Neil; T., B. Dunlea; R. G., Mary Reddy; I. G., Mrs. Eva Welsh; I. G., Mrs. Marvel; O. G., Mrs. McGorven; trustee, Mrs. Hyde; physician, Dr. P. J. Meehan.

Centralville Rebekah lodge, No. 127, held its regular meeting last evening and elected officers for the coming year. The lodge will initiate at the first meeting in January.

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7.01	8.00	10.00	10.36
7.23	8.05	b10.21	11.24
g7.31	8.50	11.30	12.07
7.44	8.35	12.00	12.56
8.48	9.25	1.00	1.37
8.56	9.33	2.00	3.04
b9.07	10.16	3.00	3.37
9.36	10.24	b3.51	5.02
10.45	11.40	4.00	4.37
11.33	12.20	s4.14	5.30
12.12	1.00	5.00	5.37
1.46	2.30	b5.21	6.23
2.41	3.33	5.38	6.28
3.57	4.40	b5.51	7.05
4.28	5.30	s6.14	7.30
5.20	6.15	7.30	8.08
b6.10	7.19	8.30	9.08
6.28	7.10	10.30	11.34
7.36	8.20	11.17	11.55
9.50	10.30	11.20	12.16

SUNDAY TRAINS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
6.48	7.30	9.05	10.00
7.23	8.05	10.00	10.36
7.55	8.35	11.30	12.07
8.48	9.49	1.00	1.57
9.20	10.15	5.00	6.02
10.30	11.33	7.30	8.08
2.25	3.10	8.30	9.08
5.10	6.00	9.00	10.02
6.28	7.10	10.14	10.52
7.36	8.20	10.29	11.35

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To Boston Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
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10.50	11.55	10.55	11.52
12.05	1.10	11.50	12.54
x1.30	2.35	3.14	3.30
3.10	4.14	3.30	4.30
4.25	5.34	4.50	5.56
5.08	6.09	6.03	7.03
7.00	8.00	6.35	7.45
9.35	10.33	9.35	10.33
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SUNDAY TRAINS

WESTERN DIVISION

Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
8.20	9.26	8.00	9.08
12.10	1.16	12.00	1.00
3.50	5.00	2.14	3.23
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		8.40	9.42

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James J. Riley, 25, operative, 26 Tyler street, and Ida I. Furgeson, 22, at home, 302 High street.

William A. Savage, 46, leather worker, 225 Walker stret, and Elizabeth W. McManus, 36, housekeeper, 647 Broadway.

John E. Graham, 21, teamster, 20 Irving stret, and Harriet Marr, 18, house girl, 882 Central stret.

IN BOILER ROOM

SLIGHT FIRE IN THE APPLETON MILLS

An alarm from box 24 shortly after noon today summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in the boiler room of the Appleton mills. An overheated boiler set fire to the woodwork in the room, but a few streams from the chemical extinguished the blaze.

NOTICE

The executive committee of the Lowell Pharmaceutical association requests the druggists of Lowell to observe the usual custom of closing from 1 to 6 p. m. Christmas day.

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quartet, Mr. Arthur McQuade, Mr. Frank T. King, Mr. William L. Gookin and Mr. Joseph G. Duffy: "O Salutaris," by Carl Pflengler, soloist, Miss Knowles and Rossini's "Tantum Ergo.

The immortal "Te Deum" in English by the combined choirs and congregation at the close of the services, completes a program of rare musical excellence.

The program of the sanctuary choir is as follows:

"Holy Night" ..... Adam
"Adeste Fidelos" ..... Novello
"Waken, Christian Children" old air.
"The First Noel" .....Traditional
"Morn of Gladness" .....Harris
"The Snow Lay on the Ground" old air
"Winds thro' the Olive Trees,"
Old English Melody
"Glory to God," ..... McCaffrey

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass at 10.30. Vespers at 7 P. M.

The regular choir of the church will be assisted by the new chancel choir of 50 boys and men, who will appear for the first time at mass and vespers.

Musical Program

Processional, "Gloria in Excelsis," Elgar

Chancel Choir

Introit—Puer Natus est Nobis, Gregorian
Kyrie—Gloria, St. Philip Neri Mass., Sewell
Graduale—Viderunt Omnes..Gregorian
Veni Creator (1788-1847) "A Capella," Ett

Chancel Choir

Credo—St. Philip Neri Mass....Sewell
Offertory—Tui Sunt Coeli, Gregorian
Motet—Noel .....Van Reyschoot
Sanctus—St. Philip Neri Mass..Sewell
Benedictus—St. Cecilia Mass..Gounod
Agnus Dei—St. Philip Neri Mass, Sewell
Communion—Viderunt Omnes, Gregorian
Recessional—The First Noel, Traditional Melody

Chancel Choir

Vespers

Processional—Hark, What Means Those Holy Voices.....Dielman

Chancel Choir

Antiphons and Psalms of the Day, Gregorian
Motet—Adeste Fidelis.....Novello

Chancel Choir

Master Ernest Ready, soprano soloist
Master Thos. McGovern, alto soloist
Magnificat ..... Gregorian
Alma Redemptoris ..... Danzi
Benediction
O Salutaris ..... Hargitt
Tantum Ergo ..... Grison
Recessional — While the Shepherds Watched ..... Hiigle

Chancel Choir

Mrs. Mabel Ware-Murphy, Soprano; Miss Carolyn White, Organist; Mr. Thomas P. Boulger, Baritone; Mr. James A. Murphy, Tenor and Conductor.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 O'Clock

Processional, "Angels from the Realms of Glory,"

Sanctuary Choir

Asperges Me ..... Gregorian

Sanctuary Choir

Introit, "Puer natus est nobis,"
Arr. by A. Edmonds Tozer.
Cantors, Messrs. Curry and Maguire, assisted by choir in unison.
Mass in C .....Krawtschke
Veni Creator ..... Gregorian

Sanctuary Choir

Graduale, "Viderunt omnes".....Tozer
Offertory, "Tui sunt coeli".....Tozer
Offertory, "Pastorale" ....Lambellotte
Communion, "Viderunt omnes"...Tozer
"Adeste Fidelis" .....Novello

Sanctuary Choir

Recessional, "'Twas in the Winter Cold,"

Sanctuary Choir

Solemn Vespers at 6.30 O'Clock

Processional, "See, Amid the Winter's Snow,"

Sanctuary Choir

Domine Ad .....Gregorian
Antiphons ..... Gregorian
Psalms—
"Dixit Dominus" .....Gregorian
"Confitebor" .....Gregorian
"Beatus Vir" .....Gregorian
"De Profundis" .....Gregorian
"Memento Domine David" Gregorian
Hymn. "Jesu Redemptor".....Mozart
Magnificat ..... Gregorian
"O Holy Night" .....Adolphe Adam
"Adore Te" .....Gregorian
"Tantum Ergo" .....Gregorian
"Adoremus et Laudate".....Gregorian
Recessional, "In a Lowly Manger Lying."

Sanctuary Choir

At the evening service there will be a procession of children to the crib, singing Christmas carols.

The entire musical program will be given by the sanctuary choir of 70 voices, assisted by the church choir of 40 voices. Mrs. Adelaide Muldoon, organist and directress.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass 10.30 O'Clock

The choir will render Gounod's Mass of the Sacred Heart, with orchestral accompaniment.

The organist will prelude on the following selections, and will also play one of his own organ compositions.

Praeludium e Fuga," on B. A. C. H. (in B flat major) .....J. S. Bach
"Christmas Musette" (in G major). Alp. Mailly
Suite Gothique, (opus 25), Leon Boellmann
(a) Entree, Chorale (C Minor).
(b) Menuet Gothique (in C major).
(c) Prayer to the Virgin (A flat major.)
(d) Toccata. Final (C Minor)
"Fantasia" (in D Minor)..J. A. Bernard
(a) Grand Chorus (Maestro)
(b) Prayer (Andante Religioso.)
(c) Final (Allegro-Moderato.)

Processional.
"Second Regiment March" (in F Major) ..... Reeves

Organ and Orchestra.

Introit, "Puer Natus Est"...Gregorian
Kyrie ..... Gounod
Gloria ..... Gounod
Graduale "Salve Regina," solo...Giorz
Mr. J. Wilfred Paradis, Jr.
Sermon.
Rev. Fr. Baron, O. M. I.
Credo ..... Gounod
Offertory, "Pastores" (double quartet), Buehler

Soprano, Mrs. J. Fredette, Miss A. Montmarquet; alto, Misses F. Montmarquet, G. Boisvert; tenor, Messrs. Weilbrenner, E. Montmarquet; bass, W. Paradis, D. Parthennis.

Sanctus ..... Gounod
Agnus Dei ..... Gounod
Communion, "Adeste Fideles"..Novello
Solo, Mr. F. Gourdeau.
Sortie, "Coronation March" (in E Flat Major) .....Meyerbeer

Organ and Orchestra.

Solemn Vespers at 6.30 O'Clock

Before vespers the organist will prelude on the following selections:
"Allegro-Essai" (D Minor). Alex Guilmant
(Final from the first sonata.)
"Rhapsody on Christmas Themes" (C Minor) .....Eug. Gigout
"Invocation (C Major) ....Alp. Mailly
"Offertory on an Ancient Christmas Carol" (F Major) .....J. Grison

Processional.

March, "The Aviator" (in C Major), J. M. Fulton

Organ and Orchestra.

The members of the choir will sing the psalms of vespers on irregular tones.

Magnificat ..... Mozart
(From "Gloria" of his twelfth mass.)
Alma Redemptoris .....Wiegand

Duet and Chorus.

O Salutaris, solo, ...Dubois
Miss Irene Parthenais.
Adeste Fideles .....Novello
Ave Maria, solo, ...Wiegand
Mr. J. W. Paradis, Jr.
Tantum Ergo .....Gluck

Chorus.

Laudate Dominum .....Gregorian
Sortie, "Prince Henry" March (in D Major) ..... Eilenberg

Organ and Orchestra.

Director of Gregorian Chant, Mr. Frank Gourdeau; musical director, Mr. Joseph Fredette; orchestra, Mr. Emile Lavigueur; organist, Mr. Joseph A. Bernard.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 O'Clock

Prelude, Organ ..... Clarke
Asperges Me .....Feisel

Sanctuary Choir,

Processional, Organ .....Guilmant
Introit, Puer Natus est Nobis....Tozer
Festival Mass .....Emerson
Graduale ..... Tozer
Veni Creator ..... Haydn

Sanctuary Choir

Offertory, Nato Nobis Salvatore, D. Van Reyschoot
Communion, Gregorian .....Tozer
Adeste Fidelis,

Sanctuary Choir

Vespers

Benediction
O Salutaris, bass solo .....Weigand
Tantum Ergo .....G. Capocel
Laudate Dominum ..... Gregorian
Postlude ..... Whiting

Soloists—Sopranos, Mrs. Harriet Sheehan, Annie M. Wilkins, Mabel Perry; altos, Mary Vice, Olive Domas; tenors Peter A. Clune, M. Sousa, A. Haley; basses, James A. Haley, Chas. Bettencourt; organist and directress, Lulu Ginty.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

On Christmas morning, at St. Mary's church, Collinsville, masses will be at 8.30, 9.30 and 10.30. The children's choir, under the direction of Miss Susie Fenlon, will sing the Christmas carols at the early masses. At 10.30 high mass will be sung by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Walsh. The choir at this mass is composed of the following young ladies: Misses Margaret Kennedy, Mary Burke, Winnie Carrick, May Riley, Alice Kennedy, Annie Harrington and Sarah Silk. Miss Susie Fenlon is the organist and Miss Katherine Burke, the violinist. Wuerth's mass in C will be rendered. At the offertory, Ave Verum will be sung by Miss Harriet Moran.

ST. LOUIS' CHURCH

High Mass

Prelude,

Orchestra

Introit, "Puer natus est nobis," Gregorian
Kyrie .....Missa Deo Infanti
Gloria .....Missa Deo Infanti
Credo ..... Millard
Sanctus ..... Missa Deo Infanti
Agnus .....Missa Deo Infanti
Offertory, "Pastorale" .....Lambillotte

Choir and Orchestra

Elevation, "Adeste Fideles." Lambillotte

Choir and Orchestra

Finale,

Orchestra

Vespers

Deus in adjutorium ..... Stearns
Dixit ..... Stearns
Confitebor ..... Stearns
Beatus ..... Stearns
Laudate Pueri ..... Stearns
Laudate Dominum ..... Stearns
Jesu Redemptor ..... Gregorian
Magnificat ..... Stearns
Alma Redemptoris ..... Lambillotte

Benediction

Adeste Fidelis ..... Lambillotte
Ave Maria ..... Millard
Tantum Ergo ..... Panneton
Laudate ..... Stearns

Soloists - Misses Alice Pratte, Eva Moisan, Yvonne Moisan, Eugenie Huot, Mary Hebert, Mrs. C. J. David; choirmaster, Olier J. David; organist, Miss Ida Mongrain.

NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES

Morning 10.30.

Kyrie ..... Mozart 7th

Soli.

Irene Parthenais, Lea Racicot William Gaudette, George H. Perrault

Gloria ..... Mozart 7th
Credo ..... Mozart 7th

Soli.

Blanche Manel, Emilienne Manel, Louis Masson, Geo. H. Perreault

Offertory.
Adeste Fideles .....P. Novello

Soli

I. Parthenais, Lea Racicot, Ed. Gaudette, Geo. H. Perreault

Sanctus ..... Mozart 7th
Agnus ..... Mozart 7th

Soli

I. Parthenais, Lea Racicot, William Gaudette, Geo. H. Perreault

Vespers 6.30

Psalms .....' Gregorian
Antiphons, etc..... Gregorian
Benediction.
Ave Verum ..... Alex Guilmant

Chorus

Tantum Ergo ..... Rossini

Trio

Irene Parthenais, Louis Masson and G. H. Perreault

Miss Alma Alexander, organist; H. A. Racicot, director

FIRST TRINITARIAN

The Christmas Festival at the First Trinitarian Congregational church, Dutton street, on Saturday at 6 o'clock, promises to be very attractive. There will be a fine cantata by the children, entitled "Santa Claus and the Star Queen." There will be a new Santa Claus who is to sing some songs and delight the hearts of the children. There will be several Christmas trees, laden with gifts. The "Children of the East," have been especially invited to enjoy this Christmas service with the "Children of the West." It is expected that the children themselves will bring bountiful gifts for the poor and needy in the city.

There will be a musical program of special merit by theChildren's choir and chorus on Sunday morning, who will sing, after long and careful training under the direction of Mrs. Kenngott, many of the "Christmas Classics." The solos by Emile Hartford and Alfaretta Morris, assisted by the chorus and choir, will be inspiring. In the evening, Mr. Kenngott will give the annual illustrated lecture on "The Christmas Story," the particular topic being "The Eastern Star."

There will be a German Christmas service at 4 o'clock with the singing of German Christmas songs by the choir of the German Presbyterian church of Lawrence, whose pastor, Rev. Richard Lange, will preach. The Germans of Lowell are especially invited, though all are welcome and will enjoy the German music.

CALVARY BAPTIST

Sunday Morning 10.30.

Sermon, "The Christian's Home."
Chorus Anthem.
And the Angel Said Unto Them. (Spence)
Quartet,
"Behold I Bring you Good Tidings," (Truette)
Chorus,
"There Were Shepherds," .....Foss
Quartet,
"Home, Sweet Home."

Evening 6.30

Sunday School Concert.
Chorus Anthem,
"O, Lowly, Sacred Stable" .....Landi
Quartet,
"Come Let Us Adore Him,".....Lacey
Chorus Anthem,
"Blessed is He that Cometh"..Berridge
Chorus and Quartet.
F. B. Hill, Organist.

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Walker Street

The Christmas midnight mass will be celebrated tonight at 11.45 o'clock. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Processional, "O Little Town of Bethlehem,"
Introit, "He Shall Reign Forever. C. Simper
Graduale, "Away In a Manger."
Gloria Tibi .....Cruickshank
Gratias .....Cruickshank
Credo ..... Gilbert
Offertory, "Angels from the Realms of Glory" .....H. J. Stewart
Sursum Corda .....Morbeke
Sanctus .....Gilbert
Benedictus .....Gounod
Agnus Dei .....Gilbert
Communion hymn "O Come All ye Faithful."
Gloria in Excelsis .....Gilbert
Anthem, "The Birthday of a King."
Recessional, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

The soloists are Miss Susan Griffin, Mr. James A. Renwick, Mr. Frank Sladen and Mr. Henry G. Hardy. Harold Stewart, organist.

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Attention — Order of Owls

The second meeting of Lowell Nest will be held at Odd Fellows Temple, 84 Middlesex street, Sunday afternoon, December 26, at 2 o'clock sharp. All who desire to become charter members must have their applications in at this time. Come and bring your friends. Charter for $5.00. The organizer will be at the temple from 11 to 2 for the purpose of receiving applications.

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MATINEE AND NIGHT
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PHIL OTT'S
COMEDIANS
Saturday Afternoon and Evening
In the Musical Farce
THE MAN AND THE MUMMY

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, "THE BOSTON BELLE"
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Prices: Nights and Christmas matinee, 50c, 30c, 20c, 10c. Other matinees 10c and 20c. Seats on Sale.

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Every Afternoon Week Dec. 20 Every Evening

FOUR HUNTINGS
In "Fun in a Fool House."
JETERS AND ROGERS
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THE BOURNE MILLS

Paid Profit Sharing Dividend to the Employes Today

FALL RIVER, Dec. 24.—The Bourne mills are paying today the fortieth semi-annual profit sharing dividend to the employes. The dividend which is computed on the wages for the six months ending on the first Saturday in December is four per cent. of the amount earned. The system of profit-sharing dividends was inaugurated twenty and a half years ago and a payment has been made every six months with one exception which was during the long strike a few years ago.

SKINNER DISCHARGED

Removed From the Office of Penal Commissioner

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Mayor George A. Hibbard's Christmas surprise for Penal Commissioner Vernon Skinner today was an order removing Skinner from office and appointing in his place Alpheus Sanford. Mr. Skinner was an appointee of Mayor Hibbard and during the mayoralty campaign of two years ago was one of the present mayor's strongest supporters and campaigners. Mayor Hibbard also directed the newly appointed penal commissioner to remove from office Herbert Carruth, deputy penal commissioner.

Mayor Hibbard bases his action on the allegation that Messrs. Skinner and Carruth have been guilty of "suppression and misrepresentation" of the conditions existing at Deer Island where the Suffolk county house of correction is maintained. The removal of Mr. Skinner followed 36 hours after that official had testified before the finance commission that the penal institution's steamer Monitor had been loaned for private excursions at the request of the mayor or his secretary, Jas. C. White, that officers at the Deer Island institution had been kept in office after having been detected in giving prisoners with morphine, and that intoxication among the officers at the institution was not extremely rare.

HOSPITAL FIRE

Caused a Loss Estimated at $100,000

WATERBURY, Vt. Dec. 24.—Fire at the Vermont State hospital for the insane in this town destroyed three wards this afternoon, causing an estimated loss of $100,000. All of the inmates of the institution were removed without injury and with little disorder.

HIGHWAYMAN HAD AUTO

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 24.—A highwayman in an automobile held up Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Bartlett on the Waterman's Woods road in Johnston and got $25 in money, a valuable gold watch and a valuable ring.

STRIKE CONDITIONS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 24.—Strike conditions today were not so favorable to peace as before the conference yesterday between the trainmen and the northwestern railroads.

Gov. Eberhardt was hopeful, however, that the contending factions would get closer together at the continuance of the conference called for today at his office.

Largest In Lowell

We have in stock the largest assortment of Lemaire Opera Glasses in the city. Prices $1.50 to $25.00.

J. A. McEVOY, OPTICIAN
232 Merrimack St.

IN DYER SUIT

Bandmaster Offers to Post a Forfeit

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—John Coughlin, former bandmaster of the Twelfth regiment, who is suing Colonel George R. Dyer, as commanding officer, for $10,000 damages for alleged breach of contract, was ordered yesterday by Supreme Court Justice MacLean to deposit security of $250 to insure the defendant against costs in case the verdict is against Coughlin.

Coughlin claims that he organized a band in England last summer to tour the British Isles, but that shortly after the tour was begun, Colonel Dyer withdrew his alleged consent to let him advertise as "John Coughlin, Bandmaster of the Twelfth regiment, National Guards of New York and the band of the Twelfth National regiment." This alleged breach of contract, he charges, prevented him from finishing the tour and deprived him of $500 a week profits.

In the papers filed yesterday, Dyer denies that any arrangements were made with him. He states that Captain A. D. Porter, adjutant of the regiment, made the negotiations.

In return for permission to use the name of the regiment, Coughlin says that he agreed to refrain from asking for an honorable discharge when his term of enlistment expired last May, promised Dyer to engage a substitute and resume his place as bandmaster when he returned. Colonel Dyer, he says, notified him last October that he had been mustered out of the regiment.

TELEPHONE ALARM

A telephone alarm at 1.22 o'clock this afternoon summoned a portion of the fire department to a grass fire off Aiken avenue.

JANUARY RECORDS
ON SALE TODAY

Records Make a
NICE XMAS GIFT
Disc and Cylinder

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THERE IS ONLY ONE

HOUSTON

who is selling Parisian and Egyptian novelties and the secret of his nine years' success in Lowell is the fact that his goods are directly imported by himself—no middlemen—no salaried salesmen. This makes for very low prices, proven by the very large number of satisfied customers he has had this week at

DOWS' DRUG STORE

His stay is short. Don't get left as you did last year.

CUFF LINKS, BROOCHES, SCARF PINS, FOB CHAINS, HATPINS, BRACELETS, COLLAR PINS and hundreds of other novelties, 19c to $35. Compare prices and Houston is there.

HARRY W. J. HOWE

Removed From the Charity Board by the Mayor

HARRY W. J. HOWE.

JOHN McMANUS.

Constable John McManus Appointed to the Vacancy Qualified This Forenoon—Mr. Howe Had Recommended Improvements in Treatment of the Inmates

Charity Commissioner Harry W. J. Howe was removed by the mayor this forenoon. The mayor has appointed Constable John McManus to succeed Mr. Howe. Mr. McManus qualified for the position, in the city clerk's office, this forenoon.

Mr. Howe was appointed by the mayor and was the most active member of the board. He took a special interest in the city farm and paid almost daily visits to that institution. He reported on conditions there and suggested that improvements be made. He said that the inmates were underfed and not properly cared for as a whole. He reported the result of his investigations to the board, of which Mrs. Henry L. Tibbetts is chairman, and the recommendations that Mr. Howe made to the board for the better care of the inmates were consigned to the waste basket.

Mr. Howe's removal under the circumstances will bring no discredit upon him.

The mayor's letter to the city clerk, apprising that official of the removal of Mr. Howe and the appointment of Mr. McManus, reads as follows:

December 24, 1909.

Mr. Girard P. Dadman, City Clerk, Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir—I hereby notify you that I have this day removed Mr. Harry W. J. Howe as a member of the Lowell board of charities, said removal to take effect forthwith, and have appointed to succeed him, Mr. John McManus.

This I have done under authority vested in me by section 2 of chapter 237 of the acts of 1905.

Truly yours,
Geo. H. Brown.

Mr. McManus served on the board of overseers of the poor about four years ago. The board then was made up of one man from each ward, and Mr. McManus was from ward five.

LAW IS INVALID

TOPEKA, Dec. 24.—Judge C. Pollock in the United States district court today here in a decision declared the Kansas bank guaranty law to be invalid.

CARDINAL SATOLLI ILL

ROME, Dec. 24.—The condition of Cardinal Francis Satolli became suddenly worse today through the complication of blood poisoning with the nephritis from which he has suffered. Receiving cablegrams from Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Farley, the prelate commented: "My American friends give me my last consolation."

MADRIZ ORGANIZING CABINET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The only bit of news from Nicaragua received today came from Consul Caldera at Managua. The telegram stated that Madriz was organizing a cabinet made up of liberals and conservatives, mostly from Leon, his home city.

This is assumed to mean that Madriz is making an effort to carry water on both shoulders, with the probability that he will meet with catastrophe. Estrada, it is believed here, is reorganizing his army with a view to taking up promptly the march westward over the mountains to Managua. That he will have little opposition is generally believed, and there are indications that a considerable percentage of the prisoners taken at Rama will subscribe to the oath of allegiance to the Estrada provisional government and join Estrada's army in operations against Managua and the west coast cities.

The state department officials are reticent as to their purposes with respect to the person of Zelaya, the former president. When questioned today as to whether the United States would take measures to prevent Zelaya from leaving the country they declined to answer.

KNEE TROUSERS

Given Out by King Clothing Co.

The following letter from King's, Merrimack square, is self explanatory and, by all means, generous and satisfactory:

Editor Sun,
My Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in sending you fifty (50 cards, each one of which represents an order for a pair of knee trousers when properly endorsed by you.

Give them to fifty worthy coming presidents who are now members of your selling department.

I trust it will add to their good cheer and make them feel that Christmas time was really meant for them as well as the rich.

I will make this offer an annual gift and if need be, in your estimation, increase the limit of numbers of orders, but kindly see that none but the needy gets them.

With the compliments of the season, I wish to remain,

Very sincerely yours,
Arthur A. Spero,
King's Clothing Co.

CHRISTMAS TREE

AT Y. M. C. I. TOMORROW AFTERNOON

The Y. M. C. I. will hold its annual Christmas tree tomorrow afternoon and a large attendance is expected. George Lynch, the well known comedian, will officiate as Santa Claus, and he will be attired in a uniform specially constructed by "Mitchell the Tailor" for the event. A beautiful musical and literary program will be given.

WANTS TO MEET NELSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Owen Moran, the English lightweight, looking for a fight with Battling Nelson for the lightweight world's championship, arrived today on the Lusitania.

"Coffroth is anxious to see use get together and to push through arrangements for a match," said Moran. "It merely remains for Nelson to get down to business."

WARREN RIORDAN

To be Secretary to Mayor Meehan

John F. Meehan, mayor-elect today announced that he had named Warren P. Riordan as his private secretary. Mr. Riordan is a well known young resident of Lowell, having lived in Pawtucketville for a number of years. He is district manager of the Robert Appleton company of New York City, the well known publishers.

GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

CANTON, O., Dec. 24.—William L. Davis, former vice-president of the defunct Canton state bank, was found guilty of embezzlement today. The jury was out all night. Davis was charged with abstracting from the bank 350 shares of bank stock valued at $350,000.

Sunlight, Prescott, Xmas, Gilmore's.

DEATHS

HOOLAHAN—Mrs. Mabel Hoolahan, aged 28 years, wife of Patrick Hoolihan, died today at their home, 37 North street.

NO SUN TOMORROW

There will be no edition of The Sun published tomorrow.

SKATING
WASHINGTON PARK
PERFECT ICE, 10 CENTS
Morning, afternoon and evening sessions, Christmas day.

Christmas Tomorrow in the Electric Home

The Christmas tree sparkling with tiny electric lights, so safe, no open flames, strung on a cord and attached to any lamp socket. An electric chafing dish for sister; an electric iron for mother; electric cigar lighter for father; and electric heating pad for grandmother.

THE LOWELL ELECTRIC LIGHT CORPORATION
50 CENTRAL ST.

HENS WERE STOLEN

The Brunswick Police Kept Busy Rounding Up Gang

BRUNSWICK, Me., Dec. 24.—After a month of ease, during which there has scarcely been an arrest, even for intoxication, the police were on the jump yesterday, rounding up a gang, two members of which have already confessed to breaking and entering and to robbing hen roosts.

Monday night 20 valuable hens were stolen from Lemuel S. Wilson of Great Island, Harpswell, and the next day the police learned that 20 hens had been stolen from Mrs. Anne Dyer of Freeport. Yesterday Winfield E. Collins, 19 years old, was arrested and told the police that he and Edward Russell, 45 years old, had stolen the hens and after dressing them had shipped them to the Bath market.

He also implicated Russell and Harry Alexander, 24 years old, of Boston. Alexander was found in a logging camp in the western part of the town, but when he saw the officers, ran and it was necessary to fire several shots after him. Alexander confessed to breaking and entering and stealing clothing and groceries from the cottage of L. M Johnson of Boston at Gurnet bridge. He implicated Russell in the break.

Russell learned that the officers were after him and gave them a long chase. He finally crossed the thin ice on the Androscoggin river and escaped in Topsham. Late last night it was learned that he had returned to Brunswick and the police are making an attempt to round him up. It is thought that these men may be connected with other breaks which have been made along the shores this fall.

MANY PERSONS DROWNED

MADRID, Dec. 24.—Heavy rains near the Portuguese frontier have caused floods and the destructon has assumed the proportions of a catastrophe. At Ciudad Rodrigo at least eleven persons have been drowned and hundreds are homeless. Some fifty houses have collapsed and many others are submerged.

The valley of the Tormes river to the north of Salamanca is possessed by a raging torrent. Bridges have been swept away, roadbeds washed out, cattle killed and crops ruined. The village of Tiguellino is under water. The Douro river is out of its banks and the adjoining district has been badly flooded. The beds of the railroad lines leading towards Portugal have been washed out and the service is tied up. Communication by telegraph throughout the range of the floods has been interrupted. Troops were dispatched to Salamanca today to aid in the work of rescue.

WOMAN OF TRAGEDY

Pleaded Guilty to a Charge of Manslaughter

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Louise La Barti, the young woman who killed Dominick Veraisi a few months ago, in the belief that he had killed her husband, pleaded guilty yesterday before Justice Pounds in the supreme court to a charge of manslaughter in the first degree. She was sentenced to the Bedford reformatory, from which she probably will be released in three months.

"Another bad Christmas," murmured Mrs. La Barti as she was taken back to the Tombs.

Within eight years this woman has lost her six children by death, her husband by murder, and her parents, together with seven other relatives, in the earthquake at Messina.

Mrs. La Barti was married when she was 15 and her husband 17, in Italy. They came to America, and, although they had many children, the little ones faded and died. The last boy died while Mrs. La Barti was on trial.

The husband was slain mysteriously last summer, and Mrs. La Barti declared she herself would avenge him. She went out and found Veraisi, whom she shot to death.

Abraham Levy defended Mrs. La Barti. When she was arraigned yesterday the district attorney's office also asked that the court show clemency. The following letter from Mrs. La Barti to her lawyer was presented to the court:

"Please Mr. Levy, beg the judge to have pity on me, because I don't think I knew what I did do. I lost all my sense, for the reason that four days before I was arrested the only last child that would have consoled me died. Please help me.

"Your unfortunate client,
"Louise La Barti."

FUNERAL NOTICES

ADAMS—Grace Pearl, second daughter of Joseph E and Fannie C. Adams of Chelmsford, died at the Lowell hospital this morning, at 7 o'clock. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary B. Flemings, 177 Fort Hill avenue. Friends are invited. Burial private.

KELLEY—The funeral of the late George C. Kelley will take place from the Centralville Methodist church, Bridge street at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Friends invited.

THATCHER—The funeral of Mrs. Wm. H. Thatcher will take place on Sunday afternoon, December 26th, from her late home, 90 South Whipple street at 2 o'clock. Friends invited. Please omit flowers.

TO AID SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—To relieve the starvation of the captured soldiers of the Zelayan army at Rama and to furnish much needed aid to soldiers of both the Nicaragua government forces and the insurgents who were injured in the battle near Rama, the United States government today ordered the cruiser Prairie, now at Colon, to take on board $5000 worth of staple supplies secured by funds of the American Red Cross society and proceed with all possible haste to Bluefields.

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"The Night Before Christmas."
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WILL BE OPEN
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From 7 to 10 O'Clock
TO ACCOMMODATE CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

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Savings Interest Starts Jan. 3.
Hours 8.30 to 3. Saturdays 8.30 to 12.30 and 7 to 9.

6 O'CLOCK

MISS JEAN CLEMENS

Daughter of Mark Twain Found Drowned in Bathtub

REDDING, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Jean Clemens, daughter of Samuel Clemens, (Mark Twain) was found drowned in a bath tub in Mr. Clemens' home here today.

The bath room in which Miss Clemens' death occurred adjoined her sleeping apartment on the second floor of the Clemens home "Stormfield." Miss Clemens arose about seven o'clock this morning and went into the bathroom alone. When the maid entered Miss Clemens' dressing room about 7.30 she did not find her there and stepping to the door of the bath room called to her. Receiving no response she entered the bath room and discovered the body of Miss Clemens lying in the tub which was partially filled with water. The household was immediately aroused and a telephone message was sent to Dr. Ernest L. Smith of Redding Ridge, the only physician within easy driving distance of "Stormfield." Dr. Smith reached the house within a few minutes after receiving the call. Life was apparently extinct but the physician worked over the body nearly an hour, endeavoring by means of artificial respiration to restore action. He was unsuccessful.

Dr. Smith who is medical examiner for the town of Redding stated this afternoon that the cause of death was drowning and that there was no doubt in his mind that the drowning was accidental, resulting from unconsciousness following an epileptic attack. He was of the opinion that the young woman expired about one hour before he reached her. Miss Clemens had been subjected to attacks of epilepsy, the last serious attack occurring about a month ago. Attacks of this nature were usually followed by a period of unconsciousness.

Miss Jean Clemens, whose tragic death occurred today, was one of the two surviving daughters of Mark Twain and was the one associated with his recent literary work. The other daughter, Clara, married the Russian pianist, Ossip Gabrilowitch last October and only two weeks ago bade her father good-bye and departed for Europe with her husband. This left Miss Jean as the remaining member of the family with Mr. Clemens at the family homestead at Redding, Conn. The daughter was the constant companion of her father, acting to some extent as his assistant secretary and literary amanuensis. She was a young woman of varied accomplishments, having traveled widely and lived for a time in Germany. Her literary tendencies followed those of her father and she had his vivacity of manner. Her tastes were literary rather than social, so that she did not often appear at social gatherings in New York. Her devotion for her father was shown only yesterday when she personally telephoned the Associated Press a statement from her father, humorously dismissing the report that he was dying. Miss Clemens at that time spoke affectionately of her father's present good health and made cheery reference to this happy family condition at the holiday season.

It is believed that Miss Clemens suffered from an attack of epilepsy while in the bath and was drowned while in a convulsion. She had suffered from epilepsy for a number of years.

MARK TWAINS COMMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Samuel L. Clemens returned here last Monday from his winter vacation in Bermuda and went at once to his home in Reading, Conn. The author complained of pain in his left breast. Since the death of his close friend, Henry H. Rogers, the financier, Mr. Clemens has felt much depressed and the death of his daughter today, his friends here fear, will prove a serious shock to the aged writer.

Speaking of his daughter, Mr. Clemens said:

"My daughter, Jean Clemens, passed from this life suddenly this morning at half past seven o'clock.

"All the last half of her life she was an epileptic, but she grew better lately. For the past two years we considered her practically well, but she was not allowed to be entirely free. Her maid, who has served us 28 years, was always with her when she went to New York on shopping trips and such things. She had very few convulsions in the past two years and those she had were not violent. At 7.30 this morning a maid went to her room to see why she did not come down to breakfast and found her in her bathtub, drowned. It means that she had a convulsion and could not get out.

"She had been leading a very active life. She spent the greater part of her time looking after a farm which I bought for her and she did much of my secretary work besides. Last night she and I chatted later than usual in the library and she told me all her plans about the housekeeping for she was also my housekeeper. I said everything was going so smoothly that I thought I would make another trip to Bermuda in February and she said to put it off till March and she and her maid would go with me. So we made that arrangement. But she is gone, poor child. She was all I had left except Clara, who married Mr. Gabrilowitch lately, and had just arrived in Europe."

BROKAW CASE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—W. Gould Brokaw's serial story of denial was continued on the witness stand at Mineola today. The testimony of the defendant in his wife's suit for a separation and alimony broadly speaking has been a succession of "I did nots," "It is not so's" and "I have never beens" in reply to Mrs. Brokaw's charges of abuse, jealousy and other actions that made life miserable for the couple.

Mrs. Brokaw appeared unusually agitated today as the time approached for his cross questioning. He scanned his notes carefully through his pearl lorgnette, peeping over nervously once in a while to the table where Lawyer Baldwin was going through the bulky record of the trial in preparation for the grilling but carefully avoiding his wife's eyes as she sat, pale and worn, by her attorney's side.

The note of reconciliation was again struck in Mr. Brokaw's testimony today. Asked by Mr. McIntyre if he had any unkindly feelings for his wife, Mr. Brokaw declared that he had not, but that her accusations that he had on several occasions been in company with other women had annoyed him greatly.

"Would you be willing to live with her again?" he was asked.

"I would," replied Mr. Brokaw, "if I could place any faith in her promises."

The defendant went on to say, however, that he believed he lacked that faith now. Mrs. Brokaw had promised many times after their quarrels, he said, never to annoy him again but she had always broken her promises.

A quarrel that came near culminating in divorce proceedings was described by the witness. It occurred when he returned to the St. Regis from a three days' automobile trip. Mrs. Brokaw, he said, accused him of having been in another woman's company and when he denied it she called him a liar. The quarrel grew in proportion from his wife's continued "nagging." Mr. Brokaw said, and the upshot of the matter was that they both telephoned for their lawyers. There was a consultation and a threat of legal proceedings on Mr. Brokaw's part for a separation. It was a flash in the pan, however.

Mrs. Brokaw's attorney persuaded him to abandon his intention and he gave her a couple of kisses and made up.

Mr. McIntyre asked Mr. Brokaw about the "Doctor Chapman incident," brought out in Mr. Brokaw's testimony. "I never charged my wife with attempting to elope with that physician," declared Mr. Brokaw. "I don't believe anybody would elope with him. He is too effeminate. I never threatened to kill him, but I did tell him that Mrs. Brokaw was my wife, that I would have him arrested if he did not allow Mrs. Brokaw to continue to ride with me in my automobile and that I would thrash him if he attempted to interfere with me."

Mr. Brokaw came to the "locked door" feature of the case.

"Whenever I tried to say anything important to my wife I always found the door of her room locked on me and a nurse or maid with her. On one occasion I pushed in the door because what I had to speak about was important. I never went into my wife's room to call her names," continued Mr. Brokaw. "I often went in to love and kiss her. Of course, that may have bored her."

Mr. Brokaw acknowledged that he had instructed his chauffeur not to take Mrs. Brokaw to the home of a certain woman he did not like. Mr. Brokaw referred to another telegram which had figured in the plaintiff's exhibits. It was to his manager, Henry, at Great Neck, and read:

"Wire if party remained in town all night."

Mr. Brokaw said that he wanted to know if Mrs. Brokaw spent the night in the city against her doctor's advice. Regarding these and other messages, Mr. Brokaw said: "It is not true that I sent those messages for the purpose of having my servants spying on my wife. I was solicitous about her health, and wanted to know how she was getting on."

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 24.—The Toronto express on the C. P. R. which left here Wednesday was wrecked yesterday afternoon east of Fort William. Forty passengers are reported seriously injured. First reports had forty killed. All wires are down and the first and only information was received over the dispatchers telephone wire.

NEW TRIAL ASKED

In the Case of Mantir and Delorey, Convicted of Murder

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 24.—Arguments for new trials for James Mantir of Manchester, N. H., and Peter Delorey of Somerville, who were recently convicted of causing the death of Annie Mullins, were made before Judges Fox and White in the superior court today. The ground upon which a new trial was asked was the alleged insufficiency of the evidence.

Mantir was convicted of murder in the second degree and Delorey of manslaughter.

FUNERALS

DEVINE—The funeral of Mrs. Ann Devine, a resident of Lowell since 1851, took place this morning from her late home, 61 Chapel street, and was largely attended, many of the older Catholic families of Lowell being in attendance at the funeral. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church, where high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. John J. Burns. The choir, under the direction of James E. Donnelly, gave the Gregorian chant. At the offertory Miss May E. Whiteley sang "O Meritum Passionis." After the elevation Mr. Donnelly sang "Jesu Salvator Mundi," and as the remains were being borne from the church, the choir sang "In Paradisium." Mrs. J. W. McKennedy presided at the organ. The bearers were Messrs. James H. Maguire, Dennis F. Maguire, Joseph F. Devine and John J. Devine, nephews of the deceased, and Timothy F. Donohoe and John F. Egan. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery, Rev. Fr. Burns officiating at the grave. Burial was in charge of Thomas J. McDermott, and the arrangements were in charge of Nathan D. Pratt. Among the many floral tributes laid upon the grave were the following:

Large pillow of pinks, roses and chrysanthemums with the inscription "Wife and Mother," from the family; Pillow of roses, pinks and chrysanthemums with the inscription "Sister," from her three sisters, Mary, Ellen and Bridget; large wreath of galax leaves with violets, sympathy of Mrs. K. F. McCartin; wreath of roses, pinks and chrysanthemums, Philip Joseph Maguire; wreath of pinks, roses and galax leaves, sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Sheehan; large wreath of roses, pinks, violets and galax leaves, sympathy of the neighbors; large wreath of pinks, roses and galax leaves, sympathy of James E. O'Donnell; sheaf of wheat with purple ribbon inscribed "With the Angels" little Joseph Crowe; large spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Morrison; large spray of pinks with ribbon inscribed "Good Bye," from Mildred Banks; spray of pinks, sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Halstead; large wreath of galax leaves, pinks and roses, sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, of Peabody, Mass.; large wreath of pinks, violets, roses and ivy leaves, sympathy of Richard A. Griffin; large basket of pinks and roses, sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Welsh; spray of pinks from Addie and George Rickover; sheaf of wheat, sympathy of Miss Gertrude McDonald; large standing wreath on base, sympathy of friends; large wreath of roses, pinks and chrysanthemums, sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Pratt; large wreath of roses, carnations and galax leaves from Robert J. Crowley.

TO JILT FIANCEE

Man Said That He Was Wed

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Harry Raphel's failure to keep his alleged promise to marry pretty Miss Rebecca Persky, because "his wife" wouldn't let him, will cost him $1200.

Miss Persky sued Raphel in supreme court. After hearing both parties to the action, a jury decided yesterday that the damage done to the affections of the young woman would-be compensated for by this sum instead of the $50,000 she demanded. Attorney Robert Bell represented her in court, M. S. Levine appeared for Raphel.

Miss Persky told the court that Raphel, a Grand street clothing merchant, had courted her ardently and had received her consent to marry him on July 5, 1907. As a preliminary argument, she said, he had showed her his bank book. They were to be wedded, she claimed, the following December.

"When the day for the wedding was near," the plaintiff said, "Mr. Raphel came to me and gave me the surprise of my life."

"'I've deceived you,' he confessed. 'I never can be your husband. I'm married now and my wife won't let me.'"

When she had recovered from the shock, she thought of a possible way to get around the difficulty.

"How about a divorce?" she asked.

According to Miss Persky, her alleged fiance seemed pleased with the suggestion. "I'll get one," she says he told her.

Soon afterward, she, informed the jury, she was shown by Raphel legal papers, which he claimed were court documents in the divorce case.

Finally it came to the point where Miss Persky asked to be shown better proofs. Then, she said, Raphel informed her the wife he had was an imaginary one and that there never had been a material Mrs. Raphel. The suit followed.

MARINES LANDED

COLON, Dec. 24.—The seven hundred marines under command of Col. William P. Biddle, who arrived here on board the auxiliary cruiser Prairie on Wednesday, were landed this morning. Marines will go by train to Camp Elliott in the canal zone where they will await further orders from Washington.

HENRY LUTENDER'S HOUSE

Henry Lutender, who lived on the second floor of the double tenement house in Wilson street, North Billerica, that was damaged by fire yesterday afternoon, is the secretary and treasurer of No. Billerica lodge 85, of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employes. The purpose of this lodge is to exalt the character and increase the ability of Maintenance-of-way employes to perform their duties.

DR. COOK EXPELLED

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Explorer's club this afternoon accepted by a unanimous vote the report of its committee which investigated Dr. F. A. Cook's Mount McKinley claims, and he was expelled from membership.

SEN. McLAURIN BURIED

BRANDER, Miss., Dec. 24.—The funeral of the late United States Senator A. J. McLaurin took place here this afternoon. Despite a heavy rain hundreds of prominent Mississippians took part in the ceremony. Services were held in the Brander Methodist church and were conducted by the Rev. C. F. Emery.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Programs of the Catholic Church Choirs For Tomorrow

Christmas Day will be observed in all the Catholic churches tomorrow with services of surpassing beauty, grand music and eloquent sermons on a theme "ever ancient, ever new." Of the Christmas music Washington Irving long ago wrote: "The services of the church about this season are extremely tender and inspiring; they dwell on the beautiful story of the origin of our faith, and the pastoral scenes that accompanied its announcement; they gradually increase in fervor and pathos during the season of Advent, until they break forth in full jubilee on the morning that brought peace and good will to men. I do not know a grander effect of music on the moral feelings than to hear a full choir and the pealing organ performing a Christmas anthem in a cathedral filling every part of the vast pile with triumphant harmony."

The programs of the different churches are as follows:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass 11 O'clock

Processional, "There's a Song in the Air."
Carols—"Sleep, Holy Babe," "Dear Little One," "Adeste Fideles."
Introit—"Puer Natus" .....Capocci

Sanctuary Choir

Mass—"St. Philip Neri".....Sewell
Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei.

Church Choir

Graduale—"Viderunt Omnes." Falkenstein

Sanctuary Quartet

Offertory—"Tui sunt coeli," J. B. Tresch

Sanctuary Quartet

Motet—"Nato Nobis"...Van Reyschoot

Church Choir

Communion—"Viderunt" ..Falkenstein
Recessional—"Hark, the Herald Angels."

Sanctuary Choir

Responses by the Sanctuary Choir of 80 voices, Brother John, Director—Church Quartet—Miss Alice Murphy, Soprano; Mrs. James Morris, Contralto; Mr. John McNabb, Tenor; Mr. D. S. O'Brien, Bass, assisted by Mr. Andrew McCarthy, Baritone, a chorus of 40 voices and Mr. M. J. Johnson at the organ.

Solem Vespers, 7 O'Clock

Processional: "There's a Song in the Air."
Carols:
"The Snow Lay on the Ground."
"Dear Little One."
"O Holy Night." Soprano solo, John Bolan. Violin Obligato, John Bardon.

Sanctuary Choir.

Psalms:
Dixit Dominus.
Confitebor.
Beatus vir.
De Profundis.
Memento Domine
(Plain Chant)

Sung antiphonally by Church and Sanctuary Choirs with antiphons by Church Quartet.
Hymn:
"Jesu Redemptor"....Donat Mueller

Church Choir.

"Magnificat," (Plain Chant).
"Alma Redemptoris".....Pleyel

Church Choir.

Benediction:
"O Salutaris".....C. Saint Saens
Mr. Andrew McCarthy.
"Tantum Ergo" ..... Bozaris Fills

Church Choir.

"Laudate Dominum."
Recessional: "Hark the Herald Angels"

Sanctuary Choir.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass 10.30 O'Clock

The sanctuary choir, under the direction of the Rev. John Burns, will assist the church choir at the solemn high mass at 10.30 o'clock and at the vespers in the evening. The following musical program has been arranged for both services:

Processional, March Pontificale, Gounod
Introit,

Sanctuary Choir

Kyrie ..... St. Philip Neri
Gloria ..... St. Philip Neri
Graduale,

Sanctuary Choir

Veni Creator, Quartet .....Atwood
Credo ..... St. Philip Neri
Offertory, Adeste Fidelis,

Sanctuary Choir

Sanctus ..... St. Philip Neri
Agnus Dei .....St. Philip Nerie
Recessional, Nato Nobis.....Reyschout

Vespers at 7 O'Clock

Organ Prelude ..... Dubois
Psalms ..... Gregorian
Magnificat ..... Gregorian

Sanctuary Choir

Christmas Hymns,

Sanctuary Choir

Alma Redemptoris .....Pleyel
O Salutaris ..... Wiegand
Tantum Ergo .....Falkenstein
Postlude. Organ .....L. Wely

The soloists will be Misses Mary Whiteley and Gertrude Keleher, sopranos; Misses Julia Kenney and Mary Duggan, altos; Messrs. James E. Donnelly and Frank Kane, baritones; Messrs. William Thornton and Edward Martin, basses; Messrs. C. F. Calnan and John F. Roane, tenors; Mr. J. W. McKennedy, organist and director.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Walker, organist, will assist as usual at the Christmas services throughout the day begining with high mass at 6 a.m. At this service the music will include Kumin's mass in D; the motet, "Adeste Fidelis," soloist, Mr. Charles P. Smith and Robinson's "Christmas Morn." At 10.30 a. m. solemn high mass will be celebrated and the beautiful and brilliant Kalliwoda Mass in A will be sung by the great choir of seventy voices and the following quartet: Mrs. Sarah McCaffrey Cox, Miss Margaret Knowles, Mr. John J. Dalton and Mr. William L. Gookin. The solos of the inspiring offertory hymn, Van Reyschoot's "Noel" will be sung by Mrs. Eugene P. McOsker.

Vespers and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be solemnized at 6.30 p. m. The music for both services is elaborate. Among the noteworthy numbers are Emmerich's psalms; Mozart's Magnificat; the hymn, "Jesu Redemptor" by a male

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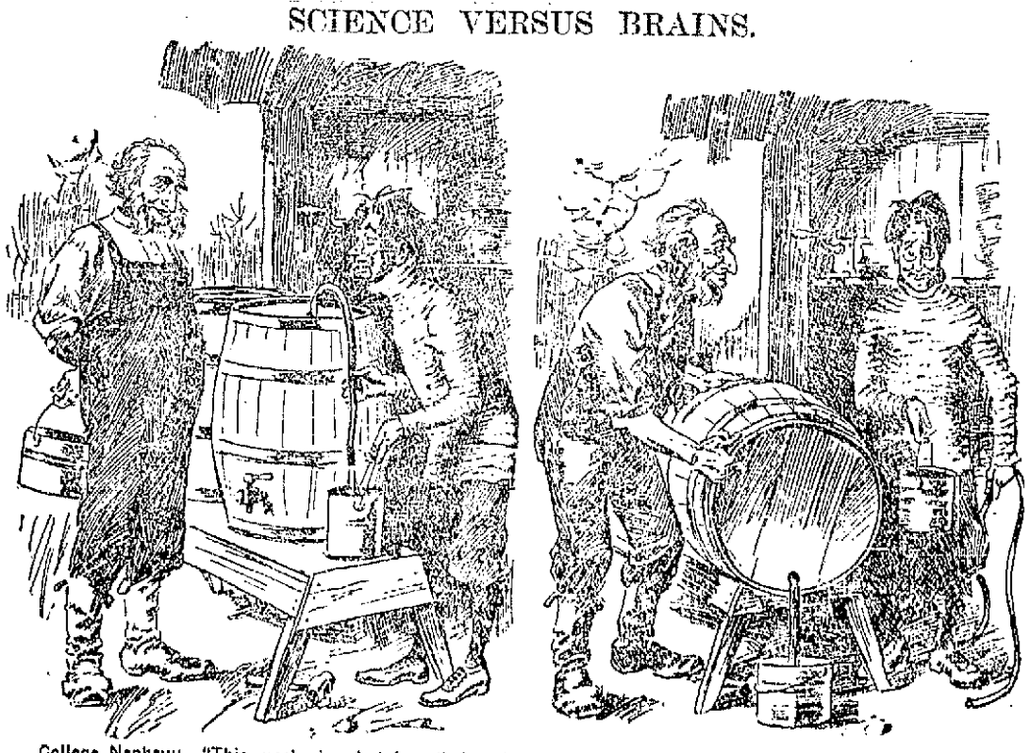
KING ALFONSO ILL

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Gil Blas today prints a private communication from Madrid stating that the condition of King Alfonso has created the gravest anxiety in court circles. Another operation is imperative.

For time disturbing and persistent rumors regarding the health of the king of Spain have been circulated. The exact nature of his ailment has been concealed from the public. It is understood, however, that the post-nasal parts and the inner ear are affected. One of the symptoms has been a slight deafness. Last July King Alfonso is said to have been operated upon at Biarritz for the removal of a growth in the nose. A somewhat similar operation had been performed a month earlier.

WIT AND HUMOR FOR SUN READERS

SCIENCE VERSUS BRAINS.



College Nephew: "This, uncle, is what is called a siphon. You see, the cider in the barrel has now got down below the spigot level, and in order to get it out I take a rubber tube, insert it into the barrel till it meets the fluid, apply suction to the free end, a vacuum is formed, the fluid rushes into the vacuum, and the atmospheric pressure sustains it until the pail is filled. You see, uncle, only for science I would not know how to get that cider out." Uncle Abner: "I see, sonny—and only for brains I wouldn't know how to get it out."

GETTING FULL VALUE.

"I have changed doctors."
"Feel any better?"
"I can't say that I do, but this doctor gives me a disease with a much longer name for the money."

"HOT WORDS PASSED ON BOTH SIDES."

PARENTAL ADMONITION.

Uncle Abe (sternly): "I tells yo', Hennery, youse makin' a bad staht in life. A man doan' min' missin' a fowl 'casshunly, but w'en he wakes up an' fin's de whole flock missin' he's laikly ter mek trubble. Ef youse gwine ter go' in sech a dis'on'able mannah as dis yo' had battah stop 'ntirely. A man dat 'propriates moah dan one fowl at er tahm kain't 'xpect ter be a consistent Christian an' a respected membab ob de chu'ch."

LATEST

FIREMEN KILLED

At Fire in Lewiston, Me., Early This Morning

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 24.—Two firemen were killed and several injured, three severely but not critically, today by a fire which destroyed the three story wooden block on Lisbon street owned by Callahan Bros. and containing two stores and three tenements.

The dead:

PHILIP BASINET, aged about 35, Lewiston fireman.

THOMAS KING, aged about 35, Lewiston fireman.

The severely injured:

Frank Dulac, Auburn fireman, broken shoulder.

I. L. Robins, Lewiston fireman, hurt about the knee.

Daniel Adams, Auburn fireman, cut and bruised.

Ten men, all of whom were firemen and including Chief Moriarty of the Lewiston fire department, were working on the ruins of the block after having placed the fire under control when suddenly and unexpectedly two walls collapsed, the timbers evidently having been burned off and the three floors dropped to the cellar.

Bystanders and other firemen of the Lewiston and Auburn departments, both of which had been called out to practically their full strength, worked desperately to release their comrades family.

many of whom were thought to be killed or injured, and succeeded in liberating all except Basinet and King within a few minutes. They were killed by the heavy timbers and their bodies were recovered 20 minutes afterward.

It was found that Chief Moriarty had been struck by the falling wall, but not injured to any extent. Four or five firemen received injuries which varied from a broken shoulder, in the case of Frank Dulac, the Auburn fireman, to slight cuts. Isaac Robins, the Lewiston fireman whose knee was injured, is engaged in the coal and wood business.

The Callahan block was in the business section and numbered 284, 286 and 288 Lisbon street. It was occupied on the ground floor by the market of C. H. Cloutier, which was somewhat famous for its stock of game and the Ouillette general store. Two or three families, in number a dozen people, rented tenements in the upper floors. All these left the building in safety. The fire had been smouldering for nearly two hours and was supposed to have been under control when suddenly it burst but in all parts of the block. The building was gutted and the collapse of the walls followed.

The total loss on the buildings and contents was estimated at $20,000, of which amount fifty per cent. was on the Cloutier' market. There was a partial insurance.

Basinet leaves a widow and six children. King was married and had a

DEATH REPORT

With Causes Assigned for Past Week

The following report of deaths is for the present week up to today:

Dec.
17—Ellen Mahoney, 65, int. obstruction.
George S. Fenderson, 59, peritonitis.
Samuel Renaud, Jr., 52, endocarditis.
John J. Griffin, 31, appendicitis.
18—Anna E. Watson, 64, carcinoma.
Olive P. Jenkins, 64, surgical shock.
Mary C. Maguire, 36, lobar pneumonia.
Ethel I. Berry, 17, carcinoma.
Gilman W. Gentle, 5 mos., bro. pneumonia.
19—Mary E. Reed, 82, fracture of hip.
Emile Gelinas, 59, paralysis.
Ezaore Machado, 1, bro. pneumonia.
Grace McCluskey, 10 mos., measles.
Mary Ritchott, 1 day, atelectasis.
20—Wolf Weiss, 42, disease of heart.
Stephano Doksaver, 1, gastric indigestion.
John Sullivan, 60, disease of heart.
Mary E. Allen, 36, pneumonia.
Margaret P. Whitney, 1, bro. pneumonia.
Michael Generies, 1 mo., enteritis.
21—Joseph Kane, 1 day, tedious labor.
Carrie L. Smith, 43, carcinoma.
Joseph Vallerand, 34, cer. hem.
Marion Hanson, 5 mos., cap. bronchitis.
Catherine V. Catterall, 24 days, gastro enteritis.
22—Ann Devine, 73, cer. hem.
Marie J. Samson, 1, measles.
23—Myrtle Fowler, 5 mos., entero peritonitis.
Girard P. Dadman, City Clerk.

ALLEGED SHOPLIFTERS

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Two alleged shoplifters were held for the grand jury and eight received sentences of imprisonment in the municipal court yesterday. The two who were held for the higher court are Rose Amos and Elizabeth Williams of New York. They were charged with the larceny of a fur coat valued at $375.

Annette E. Curley of Watertown and Helen E. McCarthy of Swampscott, for larceny of $30 worth of merchandise, each received a sentence of 20 days.

Jessie Lang, for the larceny of $4 worth of jewelry, got 14 days; Mary Emery, for the larceny of merchandise valued at $15, received 30 days, and Mary Morrill of Lynn got a similar sentence. Mary E. Averill, on her plea of guilty, got 30 days for larceny of $20 worth of merchandise, and Annie Sawyer got 14 days.

Mary E. McLean of Dorchester said that her arrest for the larceny of a muff was a mistake. Judge Duff remembered that the muff she had yesterday was not the same one showed the court the previous day, and she got 20 days.

MR. PRENDERGAST'S PLANS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—That Comptroller Prendergast intends to run his department on an economical basis was made evident yesterday when employes learned that after Jan. 3 they would have to work two extra hours each day. The new schedule requires them to report at 8 a. m. and work until 5 p. m.

It was learned also that the comptroller intends to install time clocks.

Be a Brownie tonight, Associate.

$75,000 TO CITY

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—After relatives of George Rhodius had protested against the opening of his will, on the allegation that he was under the control of Elma Dare, the will was filed in the probate court yesterday and was discovered to bequeath to Indianapolis $75,000 for improvement of its park system, cutting off his former wife without a cent.

Rhodius left an estate valued at approximately one million dollars. Three years ago he and Elma Dare were married at Louisville. It was alleged that she had abducted him from his hotel here. The couple was pursued by detectives to New York and Pittsburg and brought back to this city. The courts annulled the marriage, but Elma Dare appealed to the supreme court where the case awaits decision.

WEDDING PERMIT

Was Refused Antonio Silva

Antonio Silva called at the city clerk's office for a license and the city clerk, or one of his assistants, said: "Nay, nay Antonio." For why? Because Antonio's father had called at the city clerk's office. He had anticipated Antonio's intentions and told the city clerk not to grant Antonio a license because he was a minor. Just for that Antonio had to back up. He admitted that he was a minor, but that he had only a few months to go before he could think for himself. It looks as if Antonio, ardent youth, and the girl, too, would have to wait.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

BARBER SHOPS WILL CLOSE TOMORROW

Find out whether your barber shop is going to be closed all day tomorrow or not, lest you find yourself with a beard on Christmas. The down town barbers it is understood will close all day tomorrow.

TO WIND UP AFFAIRS

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A proposition to wind up the affairs of the Metropolitan S. S. Co. by the sale of the four freight steamers and the sending of the turbine passenger boats Harvard and Yale to the Pacific coast was announced today by John W. McKinnon and the Assets Realization Co., the legal purchasers of the property at the recent foreclosure sale.

It is expected that the sale of the steamer James Whitney, H. M. Whitney, Herman Winter and H. F. Dimock together with the good-will will be sufficient to retire $1,000,000 of the $2,500,000 of the 5 per cent first mortgage bonds. The consent of the bondholders is necessary, however, for the consummation of the plan. The proposition to send the Harvard and Yale to the Pacific has been broached before, the idea being that they would be available there all the year round, while on this side they are laid up more than five months. If bondholders agree to the plan the remaining $1,500,000 of bonds will be exchanged for bonds in the new company.

TO RETAIN PORTFOLIOS

BRUSSELS, Dec. 24.—King Albert has asked Premier Scollart and his colleagues to retain their portfolios. The inventory of the estate of the late King Leopold will be begun upon the demand of the princesses, probably on Monday. The civil list for the past twenty years will be examined.

KING'S DAUGHTER LEAVES CITY

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A special from Brussels says that Louise, the eldest daughter of the late King Leopold, has left that city without effecting a reconciliation with his sisters and that King Albert's efforts to induce her to resume her place as a royal princess have failed. The special says that Louise has elected to rejoin Count Mattachich, with whom she has been living at Budapest.

TRANSPORT DIXIE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The transport Dixie which took 700 marines and a cargo of camp equipment to Colon for a possible campaign in Nicaragua, passed in the Delaware Capes at 7 a. m. today and will arrive at the Philadelphia navy yard late this afternoon. While at the yard the work of making repairs to the ship which was interrupted when she took the place of the transport Prairie will be completed. The Dixie will be kept ready for sea as she may be called upon to make another quick run to Central America with marines and supplies.

Be a Brownie tonight, Associate.

LAID AT REST

Funeral of Late Peter Burns This Morning

The funeral of the late Peter Burns, a well known citizen and father of a prominent Catholic family of this city, took place this morning from the Sacred Heart church and was largely attended. Solemn high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. L. F. Tighe, O. M. I., assisted by Rev. T. Wade Smith, O. M. I., deacon, and Rev. Bernard Fletcher, O. M. I., sub deacon. The music of the mass was given by the sanctuary choir under direction of Mrs. Adelaide Muldoon, and the Gregorian chant was sung. At the offertory "O Salutaris" was given, and as the remains were borne from the church the choir rendered "De Profundis." The bearers were Messrs. John Welsh, Francis Danahy, James Reynolds, Michael J. Clancey, James E. Holland and James H. Howard. The burial was in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Smith, pastor of the Sacred Heart church, read the committal service, assisted by Rev. Fr. Tighe. The interment and funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker James W. McKenna. Among the many floral tributes of rare beauty laid upon the grave were the following: Large pillow of roses and pinks, inscribed "Father," from the family; standing cross of roses and carnations, inscribed on base "Grandpa," from the grandchildren of the deceased; sheaf of wheat from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burrows; wreath of roses and white chrysanthemums with ribbon inscribed "Father," from Mr. Michael J. Burns; wreath of galax leaves and roses from Miss Mary Brady; sprays of white chrysanthemums from Mr. and Mrs. Peter Donohue and Miss Margaret Stapels.

"LITTLE TIM"

New York Alderman Buried Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The funeral of Little Tim Sullivan attracted such a large crowd to the vicinity of his home and the church in East Twelfth street today that the police reserves from many stations were required.

Besides the thousands of personal friends of the dead aldermanic leader and the other thousands of admirers, the funeral was attended by many notables in every walk of life, from the highest public official down.

The Bowery and the east side were particularly affected by the death of Little Tim. Of his followers he had more than 10,000 on the city payrolls, and he and his cousin, Big Tim Sullivan, were known as the most liberal dispensers of charity to the poor of the Bowery district.

A feature of the funeral was the stop made by the impressive cortege after leaving the house and the church at the club rooms of the T. D. Sullivan association on the Bowery, which was Little Tim's political headquarters, and where the many thousands in the street uncovered their heads while the band played a dirge.

Little Tim is said to have left a fortune of about one million in his own name, besides $500,000, which he had previously divided between his wife and his sister.

ASK RIGHT OF WAY

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The street commissioners gave two public hearings yesterday, one to a delegation of physicians who wanted the street traffic regulations revised so as to give them wider latitude in responding to hurry calls, and another to residents of the North end, who wanted some of the streets leading off Hanover street made one-way streets, and reserved their decision in both cases. The hearing to the physicians was given upon a petition of 300 doctors who wanted the same privileges for their vehicles on the streets as are accorded to the police and fire departments and to the United States mail wagons. The doctors, recommended that a green cross on a white background be painted on the vehicles to designate them as physicians autos or carriages.

The streets leading off Hanover street which were petitioned to be made one-way streets are: Harris street to North street, Hanover avenue to North street, Tyleson street to Salem street, and Salutation street to Commercial street.

"BABY" SHOPLIFTER HELD

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—An 8-year-old girl is held by the police as "The Baby Shoplifter."

She is Annie Pavlinski. She has been arrested three times for theft, has spent two weks in the Industrial school and escaped, has run away from home dozens of times, and makes a practice of slipping out of bed after her family is asleep and pilfering money from her father and her big brother.

She was found asleep in a hallway yesterday, scantily clad and very cold. Annie's first exploit was robbing a notion store of 60 cents' worth of toys. The proprietor refused to prosecute.

Two weeks later she entered a grocery store, concealed herself under a counter and stole $13 from the grocer's till.

CANNER FOUND GUILTY

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—After deliberating six hours the jury, in the cases in the United States district court arising out of the bankruptcy proceeding of Louis Canner, alias Benjamin S. Canner, brought in verdicts of guilty against Louis Canner, Jacob Freedman, Julius Wolfmann and Louis Miller. The jury found Mrs. Annie R. Canner, wife of Louis, Mrs. Rebecca Freedman, wife of Jacob, and Nathan Wolfmann, not guilty.

In accordance with the directions of Judge Dodge that there was not sufficient evidence to justify a verdict of guilty against Abraham C. Berman, Abraham Greenberg and Levi Jacobson, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in each of the cases.

Sentence was postponed and a stay of 30 days granted for filing exceptions.

The trial began on Nov. 9 and the defendants were charged with a conspiracy to conceal the assets of Louis Canner from his trustee in bankruptcy, Albert K. Tapper. Canner did business in East Boston under the name of the Marshall Hay and Grain Company.

HOUSE AND BARN SOLD

Collins & Hogan, corner of Central and Market streets, sold for Mrs. Sarah Jane O'Keefe a ten-room house and barn with 10,000 square feet of land on West View street, off Pine, to Mr. Robert G. Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett buys for an investment.

BATTLE OF RAMA

Gen. Estrada Wiped Out Zelaya's Army of 3000

Hardest Fighting Ever Witnessed in South America — Bluefields Wild With Joy — Account of the Surrender

BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 24.—The details of the battle of Rama are now known. The victory of the insurgents was as complete as has been claimed by them. After two days of fighting the fiercest that Central America has seen, General Estrada on Tuesday wiped out the enemy. Of Zelaya's army of 3000 men but 500 escaped. The killed and wounded on both sides as before reported numbered 600 and 1900 of the government troops surrendered after a desperate resistance. Three Hotchkiss and four Maxim guns, 2000 rifles and a million rounds of ammunition were included in the booty. General Estrada professes to believe that his march to Managua will be unopposed.

Bluefields and the neighboring country are wild with joy. The victory is said to have won the very day scheduled for the inauguration of Dr. Madriz as president of Nicaragua in succession to Zelaya. Gen. Luis Mena is again here. His troops arrived on the scene of battle when victory was in the balance and turned the tide in favor of the insurgents. At the request of United States Consul Moffat, Commander Shipley of the United States cruiser Des Moines sent his hospital squad ashore, establishing an independent hospital where forty of the wounded are receiving care. The American medical men have been able to give their services to all who were in need of them. Six Americans participated in the battle, operating rapid fire guns. They escaped injury with the exception of one named Bashford who received three bullets in one leg. The prisoners include Gen. Gonzales and Gen. Castrillo. General Vasquez who was returning to Rama from Managua when hostilities began did not reach the scene during the fighting. He was a few miles distant when the government troops were routed and it is possible that some 44 men escaped with him.

After Zelaya's trenches had been shelled they were taken by assault. In the trenches were several women who preferred risking their lives in the conflict to starvation in camp. These women were armed with rifles and fought courageously. One of them was wounded and later brought to the hospital here. A large proportion of prisoners was found to be boys under sixteen years of age. They accepted defeat as though it were very welcome.

General Gonzales, the vanquished leader of the government troops, today shares the quarters of General Estrada and is eating the latter's rations with great relish and smoking insurgent cigarettes as though he enjoyed them. The second day's fighting began at 9 o'clock in the morning. The first day's conflict had driven the enemy back to the main fortifications at the village of Recreo, where for three weeks they had been stringing wire and digging trenches. The country in that vicinity has been partially cleared of underbrush but it remains like a jungle. The position of the government troops behind the embankments and barbed wire proved unexpectedly strong. However, the provisionals, who were lead by Generals Chamorro and Diaz, were not disheartened but commenced at once in a business-like way to storm the entrenchments of the government troops.

Zelaya's troops frequently left the trenches and advancing through the jungle met the insurgents in hand to hand conflict. These dashes were followed in each instance by a retreat to the trenches and a forward movement by the provincials who cut the wire entanglements with their hatchets. In these brushes many were killed or wounded.

General Chamorro, who looks like a typical North American regular trooper, fought with frenzied vigor, personally using a pistol and invariably killing his man outright. General Diaz, who is said to be proud of his Spanish blood, disdained as did Chamorro to take to cover. Diaz walked erect amid a hail of bullets directing the fire of his men who, however, he insisted should keep under cover whenever possible. When one soldier, enthused by the example of his commander, fought on his feet, Diaz turned his pistol upon the man and commanded him to get behind a stump. There was no farce about these skirmishes and the conduct of both leaders and men who knew for what they were fighting and that death for many was imminent, was worthy of the greatest admiration. Chamorro, who has been fighting for twenty years, is idolized by his men. He swore cheerfully when his troopers exposed themselves and good naturedly pushed them behind the cover of stumps and tangled underbrush. Chamorro was in active command of the battle, Estrada having merely laid out the general plans. As the evening approached and the enemy still resisted after repeated assaults the insurgents wavered from physical exhaustion but their courage never failed.

The generalship of Mena on Monday is generally praised and in fact but for his timely arrival it is quite possible that the outcome of the battle would have been wholly different. Indeed at one time the position of the insurgents was desperate, Chamorro and Diaz had moved on the main fortifications at Recreo and Tatumbla hill and Mena was under orders to cover the lines of retreat from Recreo. Mena had moved up the Rama river but his six hundred men were weak from the subsequent march and failed to effect the expected junction with the other armies of the insurgents when the assault began. They encountered roads knee deep with red clay and overgrown with tropical plants through which they cut a way with their machets but their progress was slow. Chamorro became uneasy and dispatched a messenger with this urgent command. "Come quickly or the day goes against us."

The day was going against the provisionals. The enemy fell on every side but Chamorro discerned that at best he was not holding his own and making no real gains. After dispatching a messenger to Mena he adopted the plan of repulsing the enemy when they left their trenches and assaulted without attempting a further advance. Mena realized the situation and instead of merely cutting off the possible retreat of the government troops pushed forward for an assault. He and his six hundred men got through the intervening two miles of brush by desperate efforts. General Chamorro had been fought to a standstill and his men were well nigh exhausted. Over the field telephone Commander-in-chief Estrada was informed that the situation was desperate and that while his army was not defeated, victory was not in sight. When the hour was darkest for the insurgents cheers were heard in the distance and presently General Mena and his scratched and bleeding men emerged from the jungle into the half-cleared plantation where the battle was being waged. Without stopping for orders and yelling at the top of their voices the reinforcing troops swept across the clearing to the rear of the enemy and charged the hill at a point where no machine guns had been placed. The movement of the men served as a signal for a general advance by three armies of the insurgents. At a critical moment the insurgents swept up the hill in the face of a furious fire. The defenders, depending on their rifles only, were unable to repulse the attack. Suddenly abandoning their trenches the government troops fell back from Mena's advance and charged the advancing armies under Chamorro and Diaz. Mena attacked Gonzales' rear. In ten minutes it was all over but in that time frightful execution was done. Scores were killed outright and the wounded covered the summit of the hill. Hundreds of the enemy threw down their arms and begged for quarters. General Gonzales saw he was whipped and to save the needless slaughter signalled that he surrendered. Nineteen hundred prisoners were taken.

FUNERALS

SMITH—The funeral services of Mrs. Carrie L. Smith were held yesterday afternoon from her home, 328 Wentworth avenue, and were very largely attended by her many friends and relatives. Rev. R. A. Greene, D. D., pastor of the Grace Universalist church, officiated. The many beautiful floral offerings indicated the high esteem in which she was held. The bearers were Messrs. Ernest H. Lee, Wm. M. Lee, Elmer Smith and Frank Draper. Burial took place in the family lot in Green cemetery at Carlisle, where prayers were read at the grave by the Rev. F. T. Billington. Undertaker William H. Saunders of the Horace Ela company had charge of the funeral arrangements.

FOWLER—The funeral of Myrtle Fowler, child of Walter and May Fowler, took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her parents, 57 Lawrence street, Rev. S. W. Cummings of the First Baptist church officiating. There was singing by Miss Florence Rivet, and there were many floral tributes. Burial was in the Edson cemetery under direction of Thomas J. McDermott.

SARGENT—The funeral of Miss Mary E. Sargent took place yesterday afternoon from the Edson cemetery chapel, Rev. C. T. Billings officiating. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, under direction of the J. B. Currier Co.

WOODS—The funeral of Genevieve Woods, infant daughter of Bernard and Catherine Woods, took place yesterday from the home of her parents, 14 Brown street. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery under the direction of Undertakers C. H. Molloy & Sons.

DUFFY—The funeral of Gertrude Duffy took place from the home of her parents, 7 Farnham street. Burial was in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery. Undertakers C. H. Molloy & Sons had charge.

GENTLE—The funeral of Gilman Walter Gentle was held Monday afternoon from the residence, 6 rear of 536 Gorham street Rev. Edward Gregg conducting services. Many beautiful flowers were sent by mourning friends. The burial was in the family lot in the Edson cemetery.

SULLIVAN—The funeral of the late John Sullivan took place from the funeral chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

BURNS—The funeral of Patrick J. Burns took place this morning at 8.45 o'clock from the funeral parlors of Undertaker John A. Flanagan, and proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where at 9 o'clock a requiem high mass was sung by Rev. William Patten, O. M. I. The choir under the direction of Mr. Charles P. Smith, rendered the Gregorian chant. At the offertory "Pie Jesu" was sung, and as the body was being borne from the church the choir rendered "De Profundis." Mrs. Hugh Walker presided at the organ. The bearers were Messrs. William J. Burns, Frank Bailey, John King and Michael J. Calnan. The funeral cortege wended its way to the Catholic cemetery, where burial took place in the family lot, Undertaker John A. Flanagan in charge.

JILTED THE WOMAN

After Getting Her Money and Her Rings

Adelarde Brisselle Found Guilty in Police Court and Sentenced to One Year in the House of Correction

Malvina Hebert, a rather attractive young woman, appeared in police court this morning and during the course of her testimony against Adelard Brissette, whom she had arrested for the larceny of $157.35 in money and three rings valued at $15, told how after she had made all preparations for marriage with the defendant he jilted her, stole her money and then went to Canada.

Mrs. Hebert, she being a widow, testified that a year ago last October she was living in Hall street. She met Brissette and took a liking to him and he reciprocated. After knowing each other for a short time they decided to get married. She had three rings, one her wedding ring, a second being her mother's wedding ring and the third belonged to her father, who was dead. She had broken her wedding ring and decided to have it repaired and the other two rings which were too large for her she was going to have made smaller. She testified that she gave the three rings to the defendant to take to a jeweler's.

The following day she went to the Five Cent Savings bank and drew out $150. When she got home she put it in a pocketbook which previously contained $7.35. When Brissette put in an appearance she informed him that she had drawn the money from the bank and opening the pocketbook counted it out to him. She said that he said: "Let me take it, until I show it to my mother.' She agreed to go with him to his mother, but he said that he wanted to go alone and according to her testimony, he took the pocketbook out of her hand and said he would be back at supper time.

She waited until the following Monday and when he did not put in an appearance she reported the matter to the police.

She said that she did not see Brissette from the time he left her house on Oct. 23, 1908, until during the early part of this week, when she saw him in the cage in the court room.

Several witnesses corroborated in part the testimony offered by the complainant.

Supt. Redmond Welch told of a conversation he had with Brissette. Supt. Welch said: "Brissette told me that he got $8 from her to purchase some furniture and had every intention of getting married, even going as far as the clergyman's house. As he was about to enter the house he met a friend, who told him that Mrs. Hebert's husband had been found hanging in a cellar by Mrs Hebert and that the man was not dead when she found him. He said that that, together with the fact that Mrs. Hebert's husband had been dead but a month, caused him to change his mind.

Brissette, testifying in his own behalf, denied that he stole the amount of money mentioned in the complaint, and further denied that he had anything to do with the rings. He said that she gave him $8 to purchase furniture, that he bought the furniture, but later decided not to marry her and stayed around Lowell until he heard that the police were looking for him and then he went to Canada.

The court, after summing up the evidence in the case, found Brissette guilty and sentenced him to one year in the house of correction at Cambridge.

Probable Cause Found

Judge Hadley this morning found probable cause of guilt in the case of Paul R. Fiedler of Lawrence, charged with the larceny of a number of bottles of Gauvin's syrup and held him under $400 bonds for his appearance before the grand jury.

It is alleged that Fiedler and Routhier & Delisle, the latter being local druggists, made an arrangement whereby they were to exchange certain goods. It is further alleged that Fiedler gave the local druggists a substitute for Gauvin's syrup, and it was on this point that the charge was brought.

The case opened in police court several weeks ago and portions of three days were taken in hearing the testimony and arguments, after which Judge Hadley reserved his decision until this morning.

In speaking of his reason for finding probable cause Judge Hadley stated that the offense was one of large magnitude to the community especially when an effort is being made to better the pure food laws.

William J. Bradley of Lawrence appeared for the defendant, and the government was represented by Messrs. Wm. H. Bent and A. O. Hamel of this city.

Drunken Offenders

Adelaide Bickford, an elderly woman, was charged with drunkenness, found guilty and sentenced to one month in jail.

John Bryan, Austin Gilday, Moise Houde and John Donlon, charged with drunkenness, were each fined $6.

Ulric Paquette while in an intoxicated condition last night raised a disturbance. He was fined $5.

There were seven $2 drunks.

Got Drunk on Cider

George E. Barron, a resident of Tyngsboro, who has been in court on several occasions and given plenty of chances to reform and do better, was before the court again this morning. He pleaded guilty to drunkenness, but said he had no intention of getting drunk as all he took was some cider.

Barron said: "Mother and I had a few words over the cat and I went right out and started to drink cider. Just let me go back on the farm again and I will live a new life.

He was sentenced to six months in jail, the sentence was suspended and he was placed in the hands of the probation officer for one year.

Brownies, at Associate hall, tonight.

DEATHS

MENARD—Mrs. Hilaire Menard died yesterday at her home, 154 Ford street, aged 44 years. She leaves her husband, her father, Paul Brunelle of Canada, three sisters, Mrs. C. Joly of Canada and Mrs. Joseph Vaillancourt and Mrs. Ulric Leblanc of Lowell, and three brothers, Joseph Brunelle of Canada, Pierre Brunelle of Northbridge, Mass., and Albert Brunelle of Lowell.

GRAHAM—Martin Graham, aged 6 years, died Thursday morning at the home of his parents, John and Ann Graham, 37 Andover street. The funeral took place in the afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. On account of the cause of death (membraneous croup) the funeral was strictly private. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery under the charge of Undertakers M. H. McDonough & Sons.

THATCHER—Mrs. Sarah Thatcher, aged 65 years, 10 months and 26 days, died yesterday afternoon at her residence, 90 South Whipple street. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. William H. Walton, Mrs. William Logan and Mrs. W. H. McQuaide; also two brothers in England, William H. Peel and Frederick G. Peel, and eight grandchildren.

MR. BRYAN IMPROVED

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.—The condition of W. J. Bryan, who was taken ill here yesterday, was so greatly improved this morning that he will leave in the afternoon for Miami.

FACTORY SHUT DOWN

WALTHAM, Dec. 24.—The Waltham Watch Co.'s factory was shut down today until Jan. 3. The company employs 4000 hands.

"PACKED FOR ELEPHANTS"

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Supreme Court Justice Dowling yesterday reserved decision upon an application of the Marcus Mason company to examine persons in Cuba regarding the sale of machinery shipped by the company upon order of George W. Gillies, a planter. Gillies returned the machinery and is suing the company for $1700 he alleges he advanced.

"The reason this machinery was returned," Gillies' counsel says, "was because it was ordered shipped in sections so it might be transported by mule-back sixty miles. When it arrived, Gillies says, it had been packed for elephants, not mules. He refused it."

DUNN'S REPORT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Despatches to R. G. Dun & Co. show heavy demand for holiday goods and weather conditions have stimulated a larger distribution of seasonable wearing apparel. Exceptionally favorable weather at Boston has benefited holiday trade and the distribution of seasonable merchandise has been especially in clothing, footwear and other wearing apparel. Quiet conditions prevail in wholesale lines owing to the usual inventories and uncertainty in the matter of prices is checking demand for cotton goods, jobbers and retailers generally pursuing a hand to mouth policy. Total bank exchanges this week at all leading cities in the United States were $3,277,231,340, an increase of 8.7 per cent. over the same week last year.

Sunlight, Prescott, Xmas, Gilmore's.

TO BUILD DWELLING

P. N. Cossette has been granted a permit by the inspector of lands and buildings to build a six-family dwelling in Fletcher street near Franklin street. It will be a three story building and the estimated cost is $4500.

XMAS LINERS ARRIVING

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The White Star steamship Teutonic reached home yesterday with one of the last loads of Christmas homecomers and 4200 bags of mail. The mail consignment was not as large as was expected, for those abroad have wisely sent their Christmas remembrances early this year.

The two last Christmas ships will be the Cunarder Lusitania and the American liner St. Paul. The former was due at her dock this morning and the latter tonight.

SCALP WOUND

John Toatlick fell down a flight of stairs at Allen's box shop in Mt. Vernon street this morning and sustained a scalp wound. The ambulance was summoned and the injured man was removed to St. John's hospital where he received treatment.

If you want help at home or business, try The Sun "Want" column

Enjoy Your Christmas Dinner

And let Dyspeplets do the rest—in other words, eat freely without fear of distress, because Dyspeplets will quickly relieve sour stomach, heartburn, nausea, wind in the stomach, and any other disturbance from indigestion. They are agreeable and economical sugar-coated tablets, and always in great demand during the mince-pie and plum-pudding holidays. They aid digestion and give ease. 10c, 50c, or $1.

Remember the name, Dyspeplets

NIGHT EDITION

THE SNEAD CASE

New Question Raised in the Bathtub Mystery

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Was her own constant use of the hypodermic needle the cause of Ocey Snead's death? Col. R. J. Haire, counsel for Mrs. Caroline Martin, the bath tub victim's mother, brought this question to the fore today as he was preparing to appear in court here for the third hearing on the cases of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead, whom the New York authorities are holding pending extradition. Col. Haire declares that he has evidence to show that the young woman was what is known in the popular vernacular as a "dope fiend."

"By that, I mean," said the attorney, "that she used drugs, chiefly morphine, for nearly two years before she died. I have learned this from talking with her mother about the case. The hypodermic needle was used on her when she was seriously ill," continued the attorney, "and after that its employment was constant. She tried to stop the habit and would resist for long periods. Then would come another period of illness and the temptation to secure relief was too great for her to resist. She would go for days and days without food, living on morphine. I am convinced that it was in this condition that she destroyed herself."

Col. Haire said that this would be Mrs. Martin's defense against the charge of murdering her daughter.

Further complications into the maze of contradictory evidence developed today with the discovery of additional documents. They were found by the Brooklyn police in the Henry street house once occupied by the Wardlaws and imbued the detectives with the belief that the entire family had made a suicide pact which was only partly fulfilled by the death of Ocey Snead. The alleged pact is said to be revealed by letters signed by Ocey Snead, by her husband, Fletcher, by Mrs. Martin, her mother, and by her two aunts, Mrs. Mary Snead and Miss Virginia Wardlaw. Accompanying them were several blank forms of power of attorney also signed by Ocey Snead. The documents have been turned over to the New Jersey authorities.

REPORT THAT MADRIZ RESIGNED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A rumor gained currency here today that President Madriz of Nicaragua had resigned. Efforts to trace its source proved unavailing although the representatives of the Estrada party in this city had received word to the same effect. They would not vouch any definite statement nor would any of the other Central American diplomats.

BURNED TO DEATH

HILLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—In a fire here early today nine persons were burned to death. The victims, all foreigners, were a man, his wife, five children and two boarders.

VERDICT FOUND

In the Canner-Freedman Case

BOSTON, Dec 24.—After a trial lasting nearly six weeks in the U. S. district court the jury in the Canner-Freedman conspiracy case returned a verdict at 9.45 last evening.

When the case was first presented by the government indictments were made against 13 defendants alleging a conspiracy to conceal assets in bankruptcy proceedings. Three of the defendants, Bernard Goldfine, Morris Goldfine and Isaac W. Mandelstain, pleaded guilty and subsequently became witnesses for the government.

Three other defendants, Levi Jacobson, Abraham Greenberg and Abraham Ferman, were found not guilty by order of the court.

When the jury retired Wednesday afternoon to consider the evidence they had only seven of the original defendants to pass upon. Of these, four were found guilty and three not guilty.

Verdicts of guilty were found against Louis B. S. Canner, Jacob Freedman, Julius Wolfman and Louis Miller.

The defendants found not guilty are Annie R. Canner, Rebecca Freedman and Nathan Wolfman.

MAYOR-ELECT

SAYS HIS VICTORY COST HIM NOTHING

BROCKTON, Dec. 24.—Mayor-elect William H. Clifford, who, running as independent and democratic candidate at the municipal election, defeated C. Chester Eaton, a manufacturer, yesterday afternoon filed a sworn statement of his campaign expenses with the city clerk.

The election cost him nothing, no money being spent and nothing promised. Not even a postage stamp is included in his statement.

MAY STOP 50 FIRE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—There is a prospect that the fire which has been burning for 50 years in a mine at Summit Hall, Pa., at last will be extinguished. A Scranton construction company occupied a year building a concrete wall 15 feet thick far below the coal, and it is thought will conquer the fire. Old time miners are of the opinion, however, that the fire will eat through the concrete and continue its way into the Panther Creek valley.

DAMAGE WAS SLIGHT

An alarm from box 9 about four o'clock this afternoon summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in Fay's block in Adams street. The recall came in about five minutes after the sounding of the alarm.

Bright, Sears & Co.
BANKERS AND BROKERS
Wyman's Exchange
3 SECOND FLOOR

BILLERICA NEWS

Fire in Talbot Mills Tenement

Fire broke out in a double tenement house in Wilson street, belonging to the Talbot mills late yesterday afternoon, and before the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the flames the building had been damaged to the extent of about $800 and several buildings in the vicinity escaped being damaged by the effective work of the members of the fire department, assisted by the Talbot mills volunteer fire department.

The fire was caused by a defective chimney. When the fire was discovered it was eating its way through the roof and the blaze fanned by a strong wind soon spread to different parts of the building.

Henry Luetender and family live on the second floor, while the first floor is occupied by Albert Morin and family.

Christmas Program

Christmas will be observed in an appropriate manner tomorrow at St. Andrew's church. The masses will be sung at 8 and 10 a. m., the latter service to be followed by benediction of the blessed sacrament. A special musical program will be carried out under the direction of Charles E. Fairbrother, with Miss Etta Hoar at the organ.

The program will be as follows:

Solemn high mass, 10 a. m.; march (Flagler), organ; mass (J. D. Kumin); offertory, Adeste Fidelis (Novello); benediction of the blessed sacrament; O Salutaris (Dom. S. Gregory Auld, O. S. B.); Tantum Ergo (Miller); Adoremus (Pearce); Laudate Dominum VIII (Lane).

Soloists—Sopranos, Mrs. Agnes Lyons, Miss Isabel Kearney; alto, Miss Nellie Campbell; tenor, Charles E. Fairbrother; bass, Henry O'Brien; director, Charles E. Fairbrother; organist, Miss Etta Hoar.

SANTA'S SURPRISE

"Santa's Surprise," a very pretty little Christmas playlet, was presented by six little boys, members of Miss Grace Cumnock's Sunday school class, assisted by other members of the Kirk Street Sunday school, at the Kirk Street church, yesterday afternoon.

"Santa Claus," portrayed by Master Wendell Harvey, came down the chimney and during the conversation which he held with the children he told them that he had traveled far and his stock of presents was exhausted. He had another group of poor children to visit, but did not have any presents for them. Being tired he went to sleep and while he slept the children contributed presents and when he awoke he found that his bag was filled with nice things.

Hot chocolate was served, and a sale of candy was under the direction of Miss Harvey.

The object of the entertainment was to raise money toward the furnishing of a room in the new Y. M. C. A. building.

7-20-4
R. G. SULLIVAN'S
10c Cigar
Now packed in boxes of 25 for the holidays. For sale by all first-class dealers.

TODAY'S STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK MARKET

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Amal Copper	88¾	87⅛	88⅝
Am Car & Fn	81½	71¼	71½
Am Car & Fn	71½	71¼	71½
Am Cot Oil	68¾	68¾	68¾
Am Locomo	60¼	59¾	59⅞
Am Loco pf	115	115	115
Am Smelt & R	102⅜	101⅛	102⅛
Am Sugar Rfn	122½	122½	122½
Anaconda	52⅜	50½	52½
Atchison	122⅞	120⅞	122¼
Atch pf	105¼	105	105
Balt & Ohio	118	117⅝	118
Br Rap Tran	80	79½	79½
Canadian Pa	180¾	179½	180¾
Cent Leather	47½	46¾	47½
Ches & Ohio	87¼	86⅝	86⅝
Chi & Gt W	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝
Col Fuel	50¼	49⅞	50¼
Consol Gas	159	158⅜	158⅞
Del & Hud	186½	186⅛	186½
Den & Rio G	52⅜	51⅞	52
Dis Secur Co	37⅞	37⅞	37⅞
Erie	33½	33⅛	33⅜
Erie 1st pf	49½	49⅛	49¼
Erie 2d pf	39⅞	39⅞	39⅞
Gen Elec	159½	159½	159½
Gt North pf	148¼	143¼	143¼
Gt No Ore ctf	80	80	80
Illinois Cen	146¾	146¾	146¾
Int Met Com	25¼	24½	24⅞
Int Met pf	62	60½	61⅝
Int-S Pump Co	53	52¼	52½
Iowa Central	29⅞	29⅞	29⅞
Iowa Cen pf	53⅞	53¾	53⅞
Kan City So	43⅞	43¾	43¾
Kan & Texas	49½	48½	48½
Kan & T pf	74	74	74
Mexican Cent	23½	23⅜	23⅜
Missouri Pa	71½	71	71⅛
Nat Lead	88⅞	88½	88½
N Y Central	123¼	123	123
No Am Co	34¾	84⅞	84⅞
Nor & West	99¼	99	99
North Pacific	145	144¾	141¾
Pennsylvania	137¾	136⅞	137¼
People's Gas	116⅝	115¼	115⅝
Reading	171⅞	171½	171⅞
Rep Iron & S	45½	45½	45½
Rep I & S pf	104	104	104
Rock Is	50⅜	48⅛	49¾
Rock Is pf	93¼	91⅞	92¼
St L & So'wn	32½	32⅜	32½
St. L & S'n pf	80⅝	80	80¾
St Paul	157¾	157½	157½
So Pacific	134½	134	134¼
Southern Ry	31¾	31⅝	31⅝
Southern Ry pf	73¼	72¾	73¼
Tenn Copper	38¾	38½	38½
Texas Pac	35¼	35¼	35¼
Third Ave	16½	16⅛	16¼
Union Pacific	202⅝	201¾	202
Union Pac pf	104	103¾	104
U S Rub	53½	53	53¼
U S Rub pf	117½	117½	117½
U S Steel	91¾	90⅝	91¼
U S Steel pf	125¾	125¼	125¼
U S Steel 5s	105⅞	105¼	105¾
Utah Copper	60	59	59½
Wabash R R	23¼	21¾	23
Wab R R pf	61¼	60	60¾
Western Un	77	76⅝	76⅝
Wh & L Erie	9½	9¼	9⅜
W & L E 2d pf	20	20	20

Boston Clearing House

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Bank clearing statement: Exchanges, $28,570,022; balances, $1,085,238.

For the week ending Dec. 24, 1909: Exchanges, $149,704,252; balances, $10,213,267.

Corresponding week in December, 1908: Exchanges, $126,564,605; balances, $8,974,626.

STOCK MARKET

WAS IRREGULAR AT THE CLOSE TODAY

The Wabash Stocks Advanced—Long Island Railroad Gained Nearly Two Points—Some Gains Were Wiped Out

The seven point collapse in Reading second pfd. after yesterday's jump made a bad impression. When that stock rallied 3½ the list stiffened and trading was very dull.

Stocks were offered for which there was no demand and prices receded slightly. Reading, Rock Island and Amal. Copper lost good fractions but the balance of the list was not affected much. Reading second pfd. declined 3 points. Wheeling & Lake Erie first pfd. advanced 3 and the second pfd. 1¼.

Prices of the majority of stocks started higher than last night but the gains were small and there was a considerable mixture of declines. Kansas & Texas and Virginia Carolina Chemical rose ¾.

The market became stronger and livelier but the bulk of the buying was in the metal stocks and specialties. Before one o'clock the trading had fallen back again into its recent rut. U. P., Rock Island, U. S. Steel and Amal. Copper gained 1. Interborough Met. pfd 1⅜, Western Maryland ctfs and Anaconda 1⅛ and American Agl. Chem. 2.

Increasing firmness developed in the afternoon's dealings but the improvement was most marked in the stocks that were not usually active. The railroad list had a firm undertone, but only a few of the leaders figured notably in the day's movements. Pittsburg coal preferred hardened three points, Amn. Linseed pfd 2 3-8. Anaconda 2¼ and Atchison, Rock Island pfd, St. Louis & San Francisco 2d preferred and American Smelting 1.

The market closed irregular. The Wabash stocks advanced, the common 1¼ and the preferred 1, and the refunding four per cent. bonds were active at an advance of 1½. Long Island railroad rose 1¾ and Pacific Mail 1. Meantime where prices had risen previously they yielded on profit taking. Gains were wiped out in some instances.

BOSTON CURB MARKET

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Amal Nev	14	13½	13½
Bay State Gas	44	38	41
Boston Ely	5	4¼	4¼
Cactus	5⅞	5¾	5¾
Davis-Daly	4⅞	4½	4⅝
Eclipse Oil	14	14	14
Ely Central	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛
First National	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
Geyser	6	5	5
Inspiration	8⅞	7⅝	7⅝
La Rose	5	4⅞	4⅞
Majestic	1⅛	1	1
National Explor	51	53	54
Ray Central	3⅞	3¾	3¾
R I Coal	12	11¾	12
Vulture	8⅞	8⅜	8⅜
Willett	11	11	11

BOSTON MARKET

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Am Ag Chem, Com.	48¾	47	48¾
Am Pneu pf	20½	20	20½
Am Tel & Tel	142⅝	142¼	142⅝
Am Woolen pf	103½	103¼	103½
American Zinc	40	39	39¾
Arcadian	7⅛	6	7⅛
Arizona Com	48¾	47¼	48¾
Bos Con Copper	22⅛	21¾	21⅞
Bos & Corbin	22¾	22½	22¾
Boston Elevated	133	133	133
Boston & Maine	147	147	147
Butte Coal'n	28⅞	28	28⅞
Centennial	38	38	38
Cal & Arizona	102	101	102
Copper Range	83½	82¼	83½
Fitchburg pf	131	131	131
Franklin	19	17½	18⅞
Granby	106	105	106
Greene-Cananea	11¾	11¾	11¾
Isle Royale	28½	27¾	28½
Lake Copper	73¾	69	72½
Mass Electric	16¼	16	16
Mass Gas	83	82⅞	82⅞
Miami Cop	22¾	22½	22¾
Mohawk	65½	64	65½
Nevada	26¾	26½	26½
N Y & N H	158½	158½	158½
North Butte	51¾	47	50¼
Old Dominion	54½	54	54
Osceola	170	169¼	169¾
Parrott	23	21½	21½
Quincy	89½	89	89
Superior Copper	64	62	64
Swift & Co	109	109	109
Tamarack	71½	71½	71½
United Fruit	168	167	168
U S Smelting	54¾	53¾	54¾
U S Smelting pf	53½	52¾	53½
U S Coal & Oil	37	37	37
Utah-Apex	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝
Utah Cons	45	44½	45

The Money Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Money on call strong at 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5½. Exchanges, $342,009,908; balances, $11,050,426.

Prime mercantile paper 5 @5 1-2. Sterling exchange weak at 484.35@484.45 for 60 day bills and at 487.20 for demand. Commercial bills 484@484 1-2. Bar silver 53 5-8. Mexican dollars 44. Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds irregular. Money on call firm 2 1-2@5 1-2 per cent. Ruling rate 5 1-4. Last loan 2 1-2, closing bid 3, offered at 3.

Time loans firm: 60 days 4 1-2@4 3-4 per cent, and 90 days 4 1-2; six months 4 1-4@4 1-2.

Boston Copper Market

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A sharp decline in North Butte to 47 carried down the local copper market in the early trading today. There was a marked recovery at noon, with losses nearly regained.

Holiday On 'Change

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Today is a holiday on the cotton exchange here.

CITY BEAUTIFUL

Committee of Board of Trade Reports

ACTION AGAINST BILLBOARD NUISANCE

Agent Southworth of the Massachusetts Mills Promises to Aid in the Work at Considerable Expense to His Company

At a recent meeting of the "city beautiful" committee of the board of trade several communications in reply to circulars sent to property owners throughout the city relative to the billboard nuisance were received and a vote of thanks for the replies was passed. At the meeting were Harvey B. Greene, chairman, Thomas J. Goyette and Louis A. Olney.

Mr. Goyette was instructed to secure assessments made by the city on all billboards, a list of which has been furnished the committee.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr Richard Watrous, secretary of the National Civic Federation, asking for the benefit of the experience of his organization along this line of work.

The following letter from Agent Southworth of the Massachusetts mills, relative to the abolition of billboards, is characteristic and to the point:

Mr. John A. McKenna, Secretary, Lowell Board of Trade, City.

Dear Sir—I have the circular of the board of trade relating to billboards and inviting me to take down two, for which we receive $360 a year. I had it already in mind to take them down when a convenient opportunity offers, and if you will not hurry me too much I will assist you to beautify the city in the manner indicated.

You argue that the billboards depreciate the value of our property. We shall certainly keep them if there is any certainty in our minds that the assessors will take the same view!

Yours truly,

W. S. Southworth.

President Tuttle of the Boston & Maine railroad requested a conference with the committee relative to the boards on property of the railroad.

A savings bank owning certain property on which billboards are located replied to the circular of the committee, that "if the city of Lowell had purchased the property mentioned . . . it could have removed the billboards."

Most of the replies were to the effect that the owners would be very glad to have the boards removed. Some said they never got any pay for them and thought the boards had no right on their land.

Bring your girl to Prescott, Xmas.

MARTIN TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Etta Hamilton Martin, the Brooklyn singer, who is being sued for an absolute divorce, took the stand in her own defense before Judge Crane yesterday and managed to enter stout denials of wrongdoing with several of the eight co-respondents.

An affidavit made by Mrs. Caroline Hagar, who has sung in various choirs with Mrs. Martin, was read to her. Mrs. Hagar swore Mrs. Martin told her that her husband was one "of those soft-soapy individuals" that she could wind him around her finger, and that the kind of man she loved was a man of many moods, one who "could be a gentleman at times, and who can get drunk and who is masterful, and who will beat me once in a while."

Mrs. Martin denied the conversation, as she denied also, that she had called her husband a "boob."

Attorney Baldwin, for the husband, read a number of "daily letters," which Mrs. Martin is said to have written to her husband in 1906, when she was at Cottage City. They all began "My Dearest Edward." One read in part:

"Father preached a sermon today and it was a nice sermon, but too long for such a warm day. Don't be too jealous of our new tenant. He is merely musical. Hugs and kisses for you and you only."

"She's friend came down today in a Winton and we had the loveliest ride," ran another letter. "I am just crazy for you, Edward, to buy an auto, for I believe that it would take your mind off butter and eggs—at least for a while. It is very exciting.

Mr. Martin is a produce merchant.

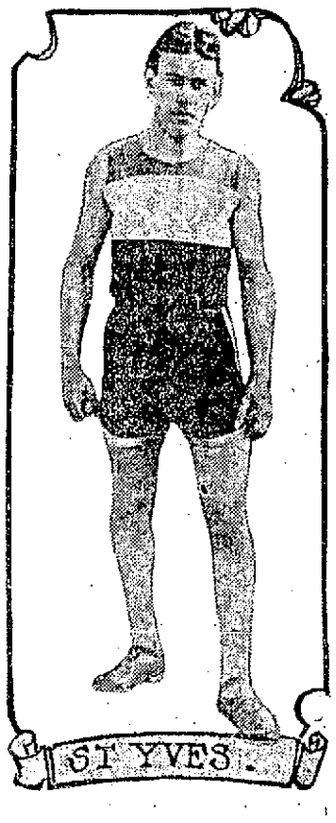
A third letter read:

"Your snippy letter received this afternoon. You know that I love you and you love me. Don't bother with the others' advice."

Mrs Martin admitted that she called Frank G. Morris, the lawyer co-respondent, "Frank," and that he called her "Etta." She said he simply took singing lessons of her. She denied that on the day before last Christmas she had used his "charge check" at a Brooklyn store to buy a diamond and sapphire ring for herself.

Sunlight, Prescott, Xmas, Gilmore's.

TWO FAMOUS MARATHON RUNNERS WHO WILL MEET IN RACE SHORTLY



NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—If the plans of the eastern promoters do not fall through, professional athletics will be given a big boom within the next few weeks. A short time ago it looked as if there would be nothing for the money chasers, but the wind has shifted, are skies are beginning to shine again. In New York three big professional races are on the program to be run off between now and the first of February, and several long and short distance events are carded to be held in Jersey City, N. J. Nearly all the big professional Marathoners who took part in the long distance running game last season will compete in the coming events. Many of the foreign runners who helped make sport history last year are to arrive in this country shortly. In fact, two of them are here now. John Svanberg, the Swede who won several races last year, and Henri St. Yves, the Frenchman, establisher of several world's records, arrived recently in splendid share and will start training immediately. Pietri Dorando, the Italian, who is now in England, is expected in this country the first week in January.

Y. M. C. A. BEATEN

Chelsea Team Won at Basketball

The Lowell Y. M. C. A. basketball team was defeated by the Chelsea Young Men's Christian association team by a score 27 to 25 at the local gym. in a fast and well contested game last night. It was a case of seesaw from start to finish; first one team would be ahead and the throwing of a basket would change the tide in favor of the other team.

At the conclusion of the first half the score was 9 to 7 in favor of Chelsea. The lineup:

Chelsea.	Lowell
Keddlety lf	rb Croft
Kelly rf	lb Sutherland
Wilbane c	c W. Grant
Tierney lb	rf Cote
Mulloy rb	lf J. Grant

Score—Chelsea 27, Lowell 25. Goals from the floor—Mulloy 4, Wilbane 5, Keddlety 2, J. Grant 4, Cote 2, W. Grant 2, Pearson. Points on fouls—Mulloy 3, Wilbane 1, Cote 7. Referee—Wilson. Timers—Stephens and Mason. Scorer—Pilkington.

The second game, between Andover Guild and Y. M. C. A. second team, resulted in a victory for the Y. M. C. A. boys by a score of 18 to 11. The score:

Lowell	Andover
Stephens lf	rb Leslie
Dwyer rf	lb Hastings
Harrington c	c Black
Lelacheur lb	rf Berry
Lajeunesse rb	lf Haddin

Score—Lowell 18, Andover 11. Goals—Dwyer 6, Harrington 2, Haddin 3. Points on fouls—Dwyer 2, Haddin 5. Referee—Wilson.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

From the U. S. Steel Corporation

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—About $100,000,000 is to be the Christmas present of the United States Steel corporation and its subsidiary companies to the steel-making territory from South Chicago to Gary, Ind. This sum is to be expended in building new plants and enlarging existing shops during the coming year.

Formal announcement of the estimates for the construction plans and the enlarging of the existing facilities will be made in due time from the main offices of the United States corporation by J. C. Buffington, president of the Illinois Steel Co. The extension means the employment of possibly 5000 additional men during the coming year.

SUSPENDED BY A. A. U.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Melvin W. Sheppard, the champion middle distance runner, and William J. Hayes of St. Gregory's Catholic club of this city, were indefinitely suspended last night by the military athletic league of Pennsylvania. The league is affiliated with the A. A. U., which will also be obliged to suspend the athletes under the terms of an agreement with the local body. The men were scheduled for a match race here on December 11, the event being advertised as the special attraction of a meet arranged by the military athletic league. Both men were in the armory when the race was called, but refused to run.

CUBAN LOTTERY

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—The extraordinary Christmas drawing of the National Lottery from which the government expected to derive a profit of $800,000, proved a failure. The drawing probably will show a considerable deficit on the government side.

BOWLING NEWS

The Knights of Columbus turned the tables on the Sacred Hearts in a game in the Catholic league series played on the allays last night. The Knights won the first string by 16 pins and in each succeeding string increased the lead of its opponents.

Two teams, one from Tyngsboro and the other from Dunstable, rolled the big pins last night, the Dunstable quintet winning by a small margin.

There were two games played in the Manufacturers' league. The Merrimack defeated the Shaw in one game while in the other the Lawrence defeated the Massachusetts.

In a close and well contested game played between the Lowell Electric Light station team and the Ellis Stars the latter team won by the narrow margin of eight pins. The scores:

CATHOLIC LEAGUE

K. of C.

	1	2	3	T'l
Savage	94	91	87	272
Lane	87	91	106	284
D. Donohoe	80	90	105	275
Conn	88	90	86	264
J. F. Donohoe	101	87	93	281
Totals	450	449	477	1376

Sacred Heart

J. Murphy	95	83	98	276
Longelly	84	76	78	238
Farrell	84	91	93	268
Walsh	84	85	80	249
Weldon	87	89	77	253
Totals	434	424	426	1284

SUBURBANITES ROLLED

Tyngsboro

	1	2	3	T'l
Dixon	150	136	133	419
Sargent	163	187	141	491
Noble	165	198	183	546
Littlehale	140	115	137	392
Totals	618	636	594	1748

Dunstable

Whipple	190	187	199	576
J. Woodward	200	134	155	489
Dickinson	133	154	121	408
L. Woodward	100	95	100	295
Totals	623	570	575	1768

MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE

Merrimack

	1	2	3	T'l
Armitstead	87	92	89	268
Waugh	81	83	91	255
Pickup	77	87	74	238
Devoll	62	80	83	225
Fullerton	89	96	90	275
Totals	396	438	427	1261

Shaw

Libby	80	78	97	255
Carney	79	81	77	237
Robinson	74	83	92	249
Clifford	81	84	78	243
Fay	71	87	90	248
Totals	385	413	434	1232

Lawrence

	1	2	3	T'l
Stearns	75	78	82	235
Chase	110	86	92	288
Sherburn	72	79	72	223
Butterfield	96	85	96	277
Hunt	91	104	89	284
Totals	445	432	437	1303

Massachusetts

Webster	84	78	89	251
Bell	91	74	94	259
Kennedy	84	76	90	250
Read	75	80	76	231
Cove	98	92	93	283
Totals	432	400	442	1274

ELECTRIC LIGHT TEAM LOST

Lowell Electric Light

	1	2	3	T'l
Callahan	82	92	85	259
Prescott	81	102	80	263
Wood	75	82	107	264
Rivers	72	74	83	229
Moody	93	83	80	256
Totals	403	433	435	1270

Ellis Stars

Ellis	83	67	80	230
C. Brock	67	91	81	239
Mason	70	74	85	229
Moody	90	115	86	291
Totals	395	451	432	1278

A WORLD'S FAIR

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 24.—Railways operating in western Canada made joint announcement last evening of a gift of $2,000,000 for a world's fair in Winnipeg provided it is postponed till 1914. These roads include the Soo and the Great Northern.

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Lowell, Mass., Oct. 18, 1909.

Mr. W. A. Varney.
25 Hamilton Ave., Lynn, Mass.

Dear Sir:—Through reading your advertisements in the local papers of local cures of people whom I knew, I was induced to try VAR-NE-SIS for my little boy. He is eleven years of age and has been a great sufferer with rheumatism since he was two years old.

At the time the trouble commenced he was taken with fever and nausea, and after that every time he had a severe attack of rheumatism it was preceded by fever. His little hands, feet and knees were terribly swollen, his ankles had no strength whatever, would turn right over when he tried to step. He was a great deal worse at night, the muscles contracting so that the legs drew up like a jackknife, his little hands would close up tight and his head draw over on one shoulder. He suffered agonies both with the pain and from stomach trouble; attacks of nausea would come wholly unexpected and were very distressing.

We tried several physicians and all sorts of cures, from far and near, that were recommended, but nothing helped the poor little sufferer for any length of time until we tried VAR-NE-SIS, which seemed just the medicine he needed. The very first bottle helped him, he began to improve gradually, until now we consider him entirely cured. He started in to go to public school this fall, he looks rosy and well, eats heartily, and all swelling, soreness and stiffening of his joints has entirely disappeared.

My boy is a living testimonial of the virtues of VAR-NE-SIS in rheumatic cases.

Sincerely yours, ALBERT WILLIAMS,
8 Branch St., Lowell, Mass.

Call on him and verify our statements.

W. A. VARNEY

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To [illegible] prove that this letter is other than the honest endorsement of Mr. Williams.

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HE SHOT HIS WIFE

Man Surrendered to Police of Rochester, N. H.

ROCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 24.—A shooting affray, which may result in the death of Mrs. Louise Vaugeois, better known as Virgin, took place about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home, 40 Chestnut street, the assailant being her husband, Francis Vaugeois, who has not lived at home for twenty years, although he has occasionally visited his family for a few hours at a time.

For the past two years Vaugeois has boarded with Edward Delouche, a cobbler, residing in Brick row on North Main street, but as Mr. Delouche is to move Vaugeois was notified to vacate not later than last night.

Wednesday, Vaugeois visited his wife at her home, asked her to cook for him and to allow him to stay in the house, which she refused to do on account of the past family troubles. Yesterday at 4 p. m. he made a second visit on the same mission, but Mrs. Vaugeois still refused him, whereupon he fired three shots at her.

She stood on the floor facing him when he fired the first shot, which penetrated her body on the left side just below the heart, causing her to fall to the floor. The second passed through her side just below the first one and the third lodged in her shoulder.

A daughter, Miss Rosa, 20 years old, who had just returned from her work at the box factory of Charles F. Trask & Co., heard the shots and rushed to her mother's assistance. Her father, enraged, attempted to shoot her, but the young woman thwarted him by the vigorous use of a chair.

Ex-Representative Simeon Bergeron, a neighbor, was in the cellar at the time of the shooting at work on the water pipes, and on hearing the reports quickly rushed upstairs. Vaugeois still held the revolver in his hand and refused Mr. Bergeron's demand to give it up. He pointed the weapon at Bergeron, driving him three steps down the cellar stairs. Bergeron soon returned and after a hard struggle secured the revolver by knocking it out of his hand. He then put the assailant outdoors and went for a doctor.

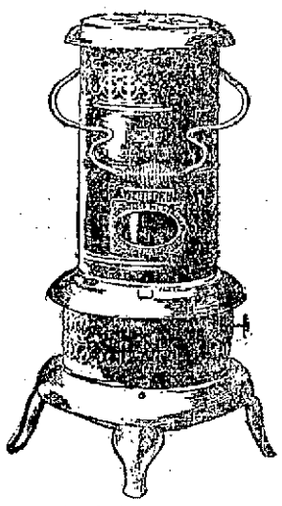
Mrs. Vaugeois is in a critical condition, the two bullets that lodged in her body not having been found. The shooting took place in the kitchen, where Mrs. Vaugeois was engaged in sweeping. Word was telephoned to the city building about the affair and Special Officer John Perreault immediately started out in pursuit of the assailant. In the meantime Vaugeois went to the city building and surrendered himself to Mayor William G. Bradley, who locked him up in a cell of the police station.

City Solicitor Samuel D. Felker took charge of the case. Vaugeois was arraigned in police court before Judge Lawrence V. McGill this morning, but the charge will depend on the condition of the woman.

Vaugeois one year ago tonight attempted to take his wife's life by shooting. His friends believe him to be of unsound mind. During the past 20 years he has worked in the mines of the west and the Klondike. He is a native of France and about 65 years of age, and has done but little work of late. His wife is seven years his junior.

Mrs. Vaugeois and her four daughters are among the most prominent French residents in the city and highly respected. She has supported her family, building a home and educating her children. The latter are: Annie, a stenographer in Boston; Mrs. Millie Jacques of Newfield; Mary, employed at the shoe factory of Linscott, Tyler & Wilson, and Rosa, employed at the Trask box factory.

Meeting Emergencies



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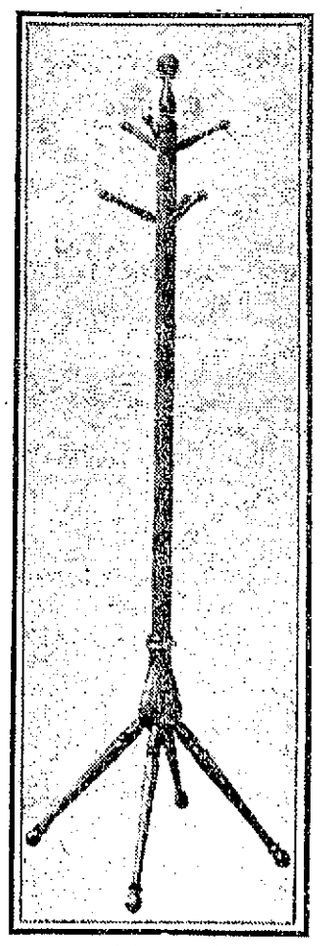

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But all mankind's concern is charity;
All must be false that thwart this one great end;
And all of God, that bless mankind, or mend."

HENRY H. HARRIS

Made Trustee of the Public Library

TO SUCCEED MR. F. P. PUTNAM, RESIGNED

Charles L. Knapp Re-elected Sinking Fund Commissioner—Traverse Jurors Drawn—Election Returns Canvassed and Elections Declared

The board of aldermen held an adjourned meeting last night for the purpose of canvassing election returns and to transact any other business before the board.

Henry H. Harris was elected a member of the board of library trustees, to succeed Frank P. Putnam, resigned. Mr. Harris is principal of the Varnum school.

Charles L. Knapp was re-elected sinking fund commissioner.

Aldermen Adams and Wainwright were appointed to a committee on salaries.

A. W. Dows & Co. and E. W. Young company were granted permission to maintain advertising lamp posts in Central and Merrimack streets.

The following traverse jurors were drawn by Alderman Dexter:

Joseph Jalbert, 100 Fourth avenue, contractor.

Harry W. F. Dunckley, 103 School street, draughtsman.

Charles Aveyard, 48 Marlboro street, superintendent.

James H. Pindar, 552 East Merrimack street, real estate.

Alderman Adams drew the following for traverse jurors:

Clarence E. Edwards, 36 Leverett street, manufacturer.

William T. Sutcliffe, 158 Appleton street, musician.

Zenon Chouinard, 35 Exeter street, clerk.

Joseph E. Guimond, 4 Butterfield street, knitter.

Eugene F. Flynn, 522 Lawrence street, bleachery.

Fred B. Emerson, 29 Burtt street, theatrical manager.

The board adjourned to next Tuesday.

BROKE WORLD'S RECORD

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Thomas Hueston of St. Louis, successfully defended his title of pool champion of the world against Benjamin Allen of Kansas City, Mo., in the concluding three days' match last night, winning by a total net score of 600 to 581.

Allen won the match last night by a large lead, however, during which he broke the world's record for a run scoring 56, the former record being 79 held by Grant Eby since 1902.

NORTH CHELMSFORD

The marriage of Mr. Walter B. Pierce and Miss Marion W. Crowell took place Wednesday afternoon in the Second Congregational church, Rev. D. A. Hudson performing the ceremony.

The church was tastefully decorated with palms and evergreens under the direction of Miss Marion Scribner.

While the guests were arriving, organ selections were given by Mrs. A. H. Slater of Lowell, among which were "The Silver Trumpet," by Wells; "A Grand Offertory," by Thayer; "Pilgrim's Chorus," by Taunhauser and "The Angel's Serenade," by Shubert.

The ushers were: Earl Lewis of Sudbury, Mr. Paul Scribner of North Chelmsford, Mr. Rufus E. Underhill of Melrose, Mr. Arthur W. Floyd of Lowell, the last two being cousins of the bride.

At 4 o'clock to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, the bride appeared accompanied by her father, Mr. Charles H. Crowell, and preceded by two little girls, Miss Jeanette Crowell, a niece of the bride, as ringbearer and Miss Franzisca Schacht, a cousin of the bridegroom, as flower girl. The bride wore a gown of white peau de cygne, with veil. The veil was caught with lilies of the valley and the orange blossoms worn by her mother at her wedding. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The little girls were dressed in white muslin with pink sashes, the one bearing the rings on a white silk cushion, the other carrying a large basket of daybreak pinks.

The bridegroom met the bride at the altar, where the Episcopal marriage service was performed. The bride was given away by her father. "O Promise Me," was played softly during the ceremony. The party left the church to the music of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

Guests were present from Lowell, Boston, Melrose, Mansfield, Stoneham, Haverhill, Methuen and Windham, N. H.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride in Wright street, about 75 guests being present. The rooms were prettily decorated by Mrs. George Elliott. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce stood underneath an evergreen bower, with a wedding bell directly over their heads. They were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Crowell, Mrs. C. B. Pierce and Mrs. Nettie Marshall.

Throughout the reception piano selections were rendered by Miss Grace Hadley of Lowell.

A large number of wedding gifts were received. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Marinel, caterer.

About 6.15, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce left for a brief wedding trip, amid showers of confetti and good wishes. On their return they will reside in North Chelmsford, corner of Middlesex street and Cottage row. Mr. Pierce is principal of the North Chelmsford high school.

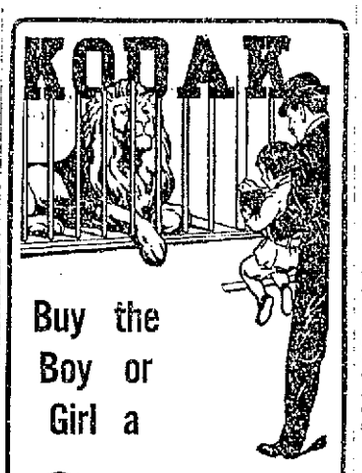
POET WATSON IN HAVANA

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—William Watson, the English poet and his wife, are staying at a hotel in a suburb of Havana. In an interview yesterday, Mr. Watson said he came to Cuba in search for recreation, and intended to study the people and the resources of the islands. Since their arrival, Mr. Watson and his wife have been engaged in sight-seeing around Havana and vicinity. The poet's health apparently is good and he said he was enjoying his visit and was quite undetermined how long he would stay or where he would go next. He declined to make any further statement.

YALE IN THE LEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—At the conclusion of play last night in the second round of the 18th intercollegiate chess tourney, between Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton, Yale was in the lead. The score now stands Yale 5½ points; Harvard 4½ points; Columbia 3½ points; Princeton 2½ points.

In yesterday's play, Yale beat Columbia 3 to 1 and Harvard beat Princeton 3 to 1. The third round will be played today.



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BURNED TO DEATH

Widow's Home Destroyed By Fire

SOMERVILLE, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Elizabeth Kenny, aged 63 years, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed her home at 31 Burnside avenue, last night. She was a widow with five children. The fire started from an overheated furnace. The loss on the house was small.

NO TARIFF WAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—There will be no tariff war between France and the United States, according to M. Calvet, a senator of France, who has been in this country since November 19 to confer with representative Frenchmen. Before sailing on the steamer La Provence for Havre yesterday, M. Calvet said he believed all schedules between the two countries would be settled before next April.

FIVE DROWNED

Boys Broke Through Thin Ice

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 24.—Five persons were drowned in Newfoundland yesterday, three boys being lost at Cottage pond, Brigus, and a mother and daughter at Harry's river.

The boys broke through thin ice.

No details of the second accident, in which Mrs. Louise Benoit and her daughter Mary lost their lives, have been received.

Prescott hall to let Sat. evenings.

PRINCETON DEFEATED

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—In the first real clash of the season between collegiate hockey teams, Williams beat Princeton last night by five goals to four.

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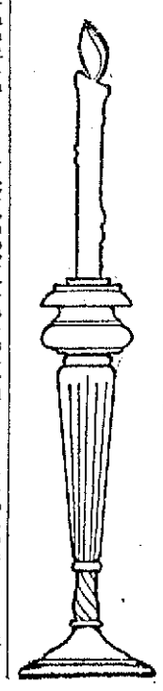

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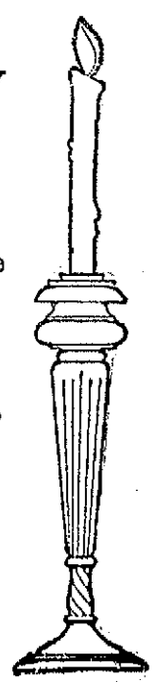

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THE CHRISTMAS TIDE.

Tomorrow will be Christmas, a festival to be observed in a spirit of charity and joy greater perhaps than ever before. It seems that the spirit of good will and real Christian charity becomes more widespread about the Christmas time with each succeeding year. It is gratifying to find that at this season such a great number are anxious to relieve suffering and want wherever they can and, besides, to make glad the hearts of the children by the distribution of gifts and toys in the name of dear old Santa Claus.

The observance of the Christmas even in the secular aspect entails a vast amount of work and expenditure. The stores are filled with articles suitable for Christmas gifts and even inventors have spent a great portion of their time producing toys to amuse the children. All this results in the employment of a great many more people and the expenditure of much more money than would otherwise take place, and it is beneficial to the people at large independently of the special benefactions to the poor and needy.

There is a vast contrast between the observance of Christmas at the present time and that of thirty or forty years ago. At that time most of the mills continued to run on Christmas day and the spirit of the festival was not generally recognized. The religious observance, however, has now become general in all Christian lands, and if it did nothing but inspire a little charity even for a short time each year it would be worth all it costs and a great deal more. The secular observance, however, is of course secondary to the religious which brings vividly to view the nativity of Christ and the work of man's redemption. The world has undergone a vast transformation since the birth of the Redeemer and the indications point to a time not far distant when the principles of Christianity will rule the entire world and when all nations and peoples will be united under the banner of the Redeemer.

THE TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN.

The city of Chicago is suffering terribly from the ravages of tuberculosis. A sanitary bulletin issued recently in that city says that there are upwards of 4000 victims of the disease in that city every year, that there are 10,000 cases under treatment and that the number is increasing at the rate of 476 a year.

It is estimated that consumption will kill 50,000 Chicagoans in the next ten years at the present rate of mortality. This disease in the care and treatment of cases, the work of prevention and the loss by death, costs the city $23,600,000 a year.

The bulletin makes this important statement:

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"Consumption can be diagnosed in its very early stages, when not infectious and while curable, by a tuberculin test. Don't depend on physical examination, history of case, or sputum examination in suspected early cases. These are unreliable in 50 per cent. of very early cases.

"A tuberculin test presents less danger than the use of anaesthetics and the incidence of accidents is less than from the use of street cars.

"Tuberculin for testing purposes is supplied free by the department of health.

The tuberculin test has not been used hereabouts for the human species and there has been a great kick against its use on cattle when it happened that a cow showing positive results of the test was ordered killed.

It seems that there is still much to be done in pushing preventive measures, especially in the line of hygienic instruction in the home. Tuberculosis flourishes where the laws of hygiene are unknown or neglected. It devolves upon boards of health to supply this instruction through all the agencies at their command—the police, the physicians, the pauper department, the schools, the churches and special agents sent out for the purpose of visiting families already affected with the disease.

SIMULTANEOUS ASSASSINATIONS.

The assassination of three high government officials in different countries within the space of twelve hours was a very rare coincidence, but one that shows conclusively a spirit of determination to resist tyrannical sway. In Korea Premier Yi of the Korean cabinet was fatally wounded by the knife of an assassin. The crime is of a political character, somewhat similar to that which led to the killing of Marquis Ito, a short time ago, and probably the result of intrigue.

In St. Petersburg the chief of the district police was blown to pieces by a bomb exploded by a man who had planned the assassination. The police official was very unpopular on account of his severity, and the crime is but a protest of a certain class against one of the rigorous features of the Russian regime.

The third assassination occurred in a theatre in the Bombay district in British India, the victim being a prominent official of the government. By some it is thought the object was revenge for a sentence recently imposed upon a criminal, but it was more probably as a result of the widespread opposition to the government that has recently sprung up in India.

The third assassination occurred in a theatre in the Bombay district in the right of self-government. That reform must be granted in the near future or else the government will have to maintain its authority by the continual use of force and by the presence of a large standing army. The people of India are waking up to the realization that they have some rights and to the fact that in the past they have been governed with a supreme disregard of these rights and the exercise of actual cruelty where this was necessary to maintain absolute government control.

THE ANTI-SPITTING LAW.

The Health Board of Lawrence has adopted a novel method of enforcing the anti-spitting law. An order has been placed for 5000 cards on which will be printed the spitting ordinance. These cards will be distributed among the police officers whose duty it will be to stop anybody found spitting on the street and present him with a card, at the same time cautioning him to stop the practice lest prosecution follow. That is a good plan as it will educate the people to the requirements and the penalties of the law.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

"Your new boss isn't very sociable, is he?" asked Crumley.

"Well," replied Digley, "he's a great old hand-shaker."

"Is he really?"

"Yes, he has shaken nearly all the old hands who were in the shop when he took charge."

THE MAN WITH A GROUCH

The man with a grouch never has any friends,
Folks avoid him as much as they can;
And the general comment you hear about him
Is: "A most disagreeable man."
For nobody cares how indignant you are,
Or what reasons you have to be cross.
The world will pass by you, if you're in the dumps,
And not think it much of a loss.

The man with a grouch should cover it up,
Or forget it—that's must better still.
You think you can't do it, but say, have you tried?
You certainly can, if you will.
It pays to be blithe, and to cherish a grudge
Is the foolishest thing you can do.
So keep a sharp lookout, and be mighty sure
That the man with the grouch isn't you.

The city council of Houston, Texas, has passed an ordinance providing a fare for strap hangers. The full fare may only be collected when a seat is furnished.

Mrs. Smith was engaging a new servant, and sat facing the latest applicant.

"I hope," said she, "that you had no angry words with your last mistress before leaving?"

"Oh, dear, no, mum; none whatever," was the reply, with a toss of her head. "While she was having her bath I just locked the bathroom door, took all my things and went away as quiet as possible."

Mitchell Cushing says there isn't any sympathy except in the dictionary, and you must know how to spell it in order to find it.

Hotels that have been making a specialty of serving a drink known as the "Cook Fizz—fresh from the North pole" —have changed the name by adding two letters to the word "fizz." Now it reads "fizzle."

Orville W. Peabody says that if Mayor-elect Meehan will reappoint him poundkeeper he will divide his salary with the various charitable organizations and hospitals in the city.

Did you ever see a schoolboy tumble on the ice without stooping immediately to rebuckle the strap of his skates? Life's shortcomings would be bitter indeed if we could not find excuses for them outside of ourselves.

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Opening Christmas afternoon and evening with the merry musical farce "The Man and the Mummy," Phil Ott's comedians will play a seven days' engagement at the Lowell Opera House.

The management doesn't claim to carry the very largest of companies, but perhaps it wouldn't be amiss to remember that "good things are usually found in small packages." That this kind of entertainment is in keeping with the requirements of the time is proved by the liberal patronage being given everywhere since capacity audiences is the rule wherever this company appears.

Mr. Ott believes in giving the public amusement, clean, refreshing and entertaining amusement, and the musical comedies he presents have been written with that one idea alone in view. There is a plot, of course, in each production but not of the problem order, simply a thread for introducing the various talents of his supporting company.

There is nothing but laughter from start to finish and audiences who perhaps have never seen him before on departing from the Opera House are fully convinced that musical comedy at popular prices is an assured success where Phil Ott's comedians hold the boards.

Seats are now on sale for the entire engagement.

"FOLLIES OF 1909."

Mr. Ziegfeld, who is sending his latest and best revue, "Follies of 1909," here on Monday, Jan. 3, for one performance with Miss Eva Tanguay, and the largest musical organization extant, always keeps his revues up-to-date in every respect. His latest novelty in this year's "Follies" is a travesty on the discovery of the North pole in which Cook and Peary play prominent parts.

"THE CIRCUS MAN."

The attraction which will prevail at the Opera House Jan. 7 and 8, will be Maclyn Arbuckle in "The Circus Man," which is Klaw & Erlanger's third big production of the season. The play comes here from Boston, where it registered a hit of colossal proportions. "The Circus Man" has been compared to "The Old Homestead," "Way Down East," "The County Fair," and plays of that type, and in many respects it is said to be their superior. Mr. Arbuckle will have the advantage of a strong supporting company, and Klaw & Erlanger have seen to it that the production has received a handsome mounting. "The Circus Man" abounds in quaint types, and each of its first five acts are replete with both humor and pathos. It is founded on Kolman F. Day's charming story of Maine people, "Squire Phin."

STAR THEATRE

Carrisno and her four famous bears, featuring "Judy," a monster bear, as Salome, will be the attraction at the Star theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is undoubtedly the greatest animal act in vaudeville. The bears do everything but talk. The musical Buskirk Co., now at the theatre, preesnt a very funny act entitled "Alderman Flanigan and the Messenger Boy." The act has a sensational finish with the golden anvil chorus during which electric sparks fly everywhere. There will be no advance in prices. Five cents, the admission, includes a seat.

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Tony Hunting, the brick topped delivery boy, who appears with the rest of his family in "The Fool House," at Hathaway's theatre this week, is truly a comedian. He doesn't have to resort to slam-bang tactics to cause laughter; he rolls his eyes, utters a few words, and one is compelled to laugh. The act all the way through is worthy of being headlined. It is one long scream of laughter.

Jack Connolly and Margaret Webb show up in the ingeniously arranged skit called "A Stormy Finish." Connolly's burlesque playing of the piano is a delight, especially when he turns to rattling off grand opera with bananas, and gives "Hiawatha" by rolling a lemon over the keys. But the finish of the act is the comedy gem. A great deal happens in a brief space of time.

Other good acts on the holiday bill are: Lawrence and Edwards in "The New Alderman; Mignotte Kokin, novelty comedienne; Galletti's trained baboons; LeRoy, character impersonator; Jeters and Rogers, comedy roller skaters, and the Hathascope with new films.

Performances will be given every afternoon and evening during the remainder of the week, with special seats at the matinees for women.

THEATRE VOYONS

Christmas day the Theatre Voyons will give performances commencing at one in the afternoon and continuing without a break till 11 at night. The program is to be an excellent one, suitable for the season, and one that would be interesting and amusing at any season of the year. "A Trap for Santa Claus" is a genuine new story picture for its plot is different from any other and the interest does not drag a minute. Sunday the Theatre Voyons will offer a selected program.

MRS. DUFFIELD DEAD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Harry Duffield, known on the stage for many years as Phosa McAllister, is dead at her home in Glendale. For several seasons she was Edwin Booth's leading woman and played with him in New York and on the road. Mrs. Duffield was born 68 years ago at Stoneham, Mass.

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WILLIAM J. BRYAN

Is Reported to be a Sick Man

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.—William J. Bryan, who has been in this city several days as the guest of his cousin, Ex-Gov. Wm. S. Jennings, was too ill last night to deliver his scheduled address at the Duval theatre for the benefit of a local hospital.

Mr. Bryan is suffering from a severe cold and is threatened with pneumonia. He has cancelled all future dates and will remain here several days.

A message from the bedside of William J. Bryan at 11.30 o'clock last night was that he was resting easily. His condition is in no way serious, but his physicians say that it will be necessary for him to remain within doors for several days, by doing which he will ward off the threatened case of pneumonia.

MAINE GRANGE

Scored Distribution of Mill Tax

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 24.—The annual session of the Maine state grange closed last night after one of the most largely attended, harmonious and generally satisfactory sessions in the history of the order in Maine. The installation of officers was the first business of the day, Past Master Obadiah Gardner presiding. The installing officers were George S. Ladd, past master, and Mrs. Ladd, past flora of the Massachusetts state grange.

The legislative committee reported a protest against the distribution of the mill tax for the support of schools by valuation instead of according to population. The committee claimed that while the distribution of the mill tax according to population would give $203 to each boy and girl of school age in Maine, under the distribution by valuation the boys and girls of Portland get $4.45 each, those of the rich town of Eden or Bar Harbor draw $6.19, while in the smaller and poorer towns, where the school money is needed the most, the proportion is very small.

The extreme was reached at St. Agatha, in Aroostook, where each pupil gets only 19 cents and many small towns in Maine get less than 50 cents to a scholar. The committee claimed that this was an injustice, giving the children of the larger towns and cities vastly more advantages than those in the country.

Chairman Obadiah Gardner gave a resume of the work of the committee during the past year. The expense of the legislative committee was given as $980. The other members of the committee are Prof. Allen E. Rogers of Orono, Edward Evans of Belfast, C. S. Stetson, the present state master, and William J. Thompson of China. The report was adopted after a discussion by Mr. Rogers, F. S. Adams and Columbus Hayford.

The afternoon session was devoted to memorial exercises conducted by the state chaplain, Rev. J. H. Little. Resolutions were adopted in memory of L. W. Dyer, who was a member of the executive committee, M. B. Hunt, a past treasurer, G. M. Douglass, who was gatekeeper for eight years, Lizzie M. Gregory and Olive Whitmore, who held offices in the state grange.

Eulogies were delivered by State Master Stetson, Obadiah Gardner, Edward Evans, R. D. Leavitt, Columbus Hayford and B. Walker McKeen. James Pike of South Paris and the state grange choir rendered several selections. The reports of pomona masters followed. The evening session was devoted to unfinished business, reports of various committees and final adjournment.

EXPLORER PEARY

Will Not Go to the South Pole

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Never again will he head an expedition either to the North pole or to the South. This announcement was made last night by Commander Peary. He stands ready, however, to assist any expedition which contemplates setting out for either extremity of the earth.

"My work has been accomplished," said Commander Peary. "I made it known some time ago in Brussels that I would assist any expedition that would set out for the South pole and at the same time also said that I would not personally conduct such an expedition. I still hold to this and I have no intention of changing my mind."

CAPT. BARTLETT

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 24.—Apparently content with his polar laurels, Capt. "Bob" Bartlett, the commander of the Peary Arctic steamer Roosevelt, will not go in search of the South pole as a member of the British Antarctic expedition under Lieut. Scott. Capt. Bartlett has notified the owners of the sealing steamer Southern Cross that he will accept the command of that vessel and will not join the Antarctic expedition. Capt. Moses Bartlett went as master of the schooner John R. Bradley which took Dr. Cook Etah on his recent trip to the Arctic regions.

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French Handkerchiefs
Fur Coats
Fur Lined Coats
Overcoats
Suits

FOR BOYS

Coat Sweaters
Handkerchiefs
Storm Boots
Walking Shoes
Dancing Pumps
Four-in-Hands (Boxed)
Silk Bows
Windsor Scarfs
Cashmere Stockings
Cotton Stockings
Suspenders (Boxed)
Handkerchiefs
Umbrellas
Underwear
Union Suits
Caps
College Hats
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USE OF STOVAINE

New York Physicians Advise Special Conditions

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The medical profession, which regarded the anaesthetic use of stovaine-strychnine by Dr. Thomas Jonnesco, the Roumanian operator, in an unconvinced manner, is now beginning to express itself as to the results. The New York Medical Journal will say in its issue this week: "We have now no hesitation in saying that it would be injudicious to substitute spinal anaesthetization for the commoner methods of securing general anaesthesia—that is to say, in the generality of cases."

Dr. Virgil P. Gibney, surgeon-in-chief at the New York Hospital for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, who operated personally on two of the children during Dr. Jonnesco's first demonstration on Dec. 8, and saw the other operations by Dr. Homer Gibney and Dr. W. B. Coley, gives credit to the foreigner for his "thoroughness," but for this very reason would prefer him to handle the needle.

He says: "Personally, however, I should hesitate a long while before I allowed any high injection of any solution into my spinal canal. The vascular supply within the canal is too rich, and the danger of hemorrhage induced thereby sufficiently great to make me prefer local anaesthesia or anaesthesia through the respiratory tract. In my own practice I have long since abandoned spinal anaesthesia because my own operations are rarely performed as a demier resort, and my patients prefer oblivion when the pros and cons are fully discussed."

Two days after the operations referred to Dr. Jonnesco gave another demonstration at the Post Graduate hospital, the subject being adults. One operation for appendicitis and one for hernia were successfully performed under the new analgesic, but in another hernia operation by Dr. Jonnesco himself, the patient felt much pain, and the fourth operation for bone tumor on the head, came near resulting disastrously.

Dr. Aspinwall Judd, who operated with Dr. Robert F. Morris, was forced to rush the subject from the table, three minutes after the injection had been made, and resort to oxygen and artificial respiration. For 24 hours this was kept up, and one hour after the operation the patient, who had formerly been an epileptic, developed wild delirium which required a straitjacket to control and continued at intervals throughout the day.

In referring to the hernia operation in which the patient suffered, Dr. Judd says that it consumed 35 minutes, the time allotted by Dr. Joinesco in which to do efficient work under his method of anaesthesia.

"While the use of stovaine and strychnine anaesthesia in competent hands and in selected cases," continues Dr. Judd, "unquestionably has its advantages over the general form of anaesthesia, still, at the present time we are not convinced of its efficiency in general use. Administered in the upper part of the spinal cord, if we can draw conclusions from the one case mentioned, its dangers far exceed those of the other methods."

But, he adds, there are a good many patients for whom it would be desirable, such as drug habitues, those whose undue nausea would break stitches, sufferers from heart depression, aged persons and others.

Dr. Edward Martin of the University hospital, Philadelphia, reports that one patient operated on for amputation with the Jonnesc) anaesthetic in use narrowly escaped death, artificial respiration being resorted to, and also ether, to control pain. There was a death under a Philadelphia imitator of Dr. Jonnesco and a cast of partial paralysis. The New York Medical Journal condemns the method as a routine procedure, although admitting its usefulness under certain special conditions.

BALTIMORE'S CITY EXPENDITURES

The following figures showing the economical administration of the city government of Baltimore, Md., have been compiled by W. H. Maltbie. He says that Baltimore is the most economically run city in the country. The column "average city" refers to the average of the fifteen largest cities, the figures being taken from census bureau reports:

Items	Average city	Baltimore
General government: i. e. council, mayor, board, financial offices, legal offices, elections, care of buildings, courts	$1,067,449	$ 832,316
Protection of life and property, police, militia, building inspector, etc.	2,516,283	1,328,590
Health, sewerage, garbage, street cleaning, etc.	980,550	722,900
Highways	974,155	734,250
Charities and correction	659,061	570,005
Education	2,695,714	1,810,482
Recreation	368,664	264,253
Miscellaneous—general expenses	223,518	15,513
Cost of public service enterprises—water, markets, docks, etc.	699,924	561,928
Interest on debt	1,921,768	1,638,540
Payments to sinking fund	3,248,514	1,713,129
Outlays for permanent improvements	5,692,165	3,537,640

CHINESE CASES

In Boston Have Been Placed On File

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The cases of three of the defendants in the Chinese murder cases, Dong Bok Ling, Wong Duck and Wong How, were placed on file in the superior criminal court yesterday and the prisoners released from Charles street jail.

Dist. Att'y Pelletier recommended this action to Judge Wait, on the ground that the evidence was not sufficient to justify a conviction. Judge Wait agreed to the recommendations of the district attorney and when the cases were disposed of he paid a high compliment to Mr. Pelletier and the jury.

The judge thanked the jury for its painstaking attention in listening to the cases tried during the term and the intelligence and judgment displayed in their verdicts.

His honor then commended the district attorney for his ability and discrimination shown in the selection of cases proper for trial during the past month. He further said that Mr. Pelletier had shown good sense in the examination and settlement of a large number of cases in the district attorney's office.

Mr. Pelletier examined about 275 cases, including appeals and indictments, in addition to passing on the cases that he ordered tried. He disposed of the batch by recommending verious dispositions on pleas of guilty and where there was no probable chance of conviction he disposed of a case by placing it on file or nol pressing it.

As a result of his disposition of the large number of cases, the time of the court was not taken up in the trial of cases in which the evidence was lacking and an acquittal would have been probable.

There were 43 cases tried by Asst. Att'y Webber. Most of them were important cases in which heavy sentences were imposed by the judge. Of the number tried there were 35 convictions, six acquittals, one disagreement and one acquittal by order of the court.

In regard to the Chinese case, Dist Att'y Pelletier, who recommended placing the indictment on file and discharging the men from custody, issued this statement:

"The men just released, Dong Bok Ling, Wong Duck and Wong How, were granted new trials some time ago. Recently the governor and council after a hearing on the matter commuted the sentences of Warry Charles and Joe Cuey from death to life imprisonment. The late John B. Moran nol pross'd the case against Yee Jung and Yee Wat died during the trial.

"After a careful consideration of the case against Dong Bok Ling, Wong Duck and Wong How, I came to the conclusion that I was not warranted in proceeding to trial, there being a grave doubt in my mind as to whether we could obtain a conviction.

"The cases against these three men have therefore been placed on file, the understanding being that Wong Duck and Dong Bok Ling leave the state. Wong How is at present in very poor health. The men have been in jail over two years and the cases just placed on file may be brought forward for trial at any time should reasons arise for doing so."

BAD TEETH BREED GERMS

Why good health depends upon good teeth and a clean mouth was explained by Dr. Samuel A. Hopkins at the Boston Young Men's Christian Union.

"Badly neglected teeth in childhood is felt through the entire life of the individual," said Dr. Hopkins.

"Nearly all the disease germs find lodgment and development in the human mouth."

"The spread of contagion is largely through drinking cups or eating utensils."

"Proper care of the mouth and teeth will go far in limiting the spread of contagious diseases."

"Cases of anaemia and physical and mental disability in children can be frequently traced to broken down or lost teeth."

"Disease of the eyes and ears arise from diseased teeth.

Many cases of tuberculosis owe their development to the germs in the mouth."

"The pneumonia germ is present in perhaps twenty per cent. of the mouths."

Why not attend to your teeth immediately. Neglect may be the cause of much suffering. The methods of modern dentistry have simplified what was formerly a severe ordeal, so that now with the OBTUNDINE SYSTEM OF PAINLESS DENTISTRY anyone can with only slight inconvenience have teeth filled, crowned or extracted. Come and have your teeth examined. DR. GAGNON, 466 Merrimack street, opp. Tilden street.

WILLIAM WATSON AND HIS WIFE, WHO DENIES THAT HE IS INSANE

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—The English poet, William Watson, and his wife are here, and Mrs. Watson has sent several cable dispatches to friends in England and the United States denying the statement that her husband is insane. The Watsons left New York suddenly after the poet gave out the sensational statement directed at the wife and daughter of Premier Asquith of Great Britain in explanation of his poem entitled "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue." Robinson Watson, brother of the poet, is responsible for the statement that William is not of sound mind. Mrs Watson declares that it is a wicked attempt to ruin her husband and that a feud has existed between the brothers for years.

MILKMAN HURT

Euclid Vallerand Was Thrown From Wagon

Euclid Vallerand, residing at 94 West Meadow road, was seriously injured last night as a result of being thrown from his wagon at the corner of Mammoth and West Meadow roads.

Vallerand, who is a milkman, had a wagon loaded with milk cans and was going towards his home when the accident happened. It was about 8.30 o'clock, and as he steered the horse from Mammoth road into West Meadow road the animal took a short turn and Mr. Vallerand was thrown out. When the horse felt the reins fall on its back it started to run and did not stop until it entered the yard.

Though Mr. Vallerand was stunned, he was able to make his way to his home. Dr. Rochette was summoned, and upon examining the man found that he was suffering from a sprained arm, injured side and lacerations about the head.

SAFE BLOWN OPEN

BALLSTON, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The safe of the Ballston postoffice was blown open with glycerine today and robbed of $1500. Four men were seen running from the scene of the robbery.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUBS

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The American Association of Cosmopolitan clubs in convention here has decided to affiliate with the Corda Fratres, a like organization in Europe. The object of the combination of chapters of the world's universities will be to further the movement for worldwide peace. The student bodies will also endeavor to have a representation at The Hague conference in 1915.

GREAT DAMAGE

BY FLOODS IN THE RIVERS OF PORTUGAL

LISBON, Dec. 24.—The rivers of Portugal are raging torrents today following an unprecedented rainfall. The material damage is considerable.

Are You One of the Always Tired Kind?

Why are you more tired in the morning than when you retired? Why are you unequal to further exertion after your dinner? You are quite played out. The truth is you habitually overload your stomach. Your liver is congested and your bowels clogged with foul refuse. "What shall I do?" you say. Why, take Smith's Pineapple and Butternut Pills for just one week. Take one or two each night when you retire. They will make you feel better all day long and in a week's time your tired, despondent, blue condition will have vanished. As an after-dinner pill nothing can take the place of Smith's Pineapple and Butternut Pills, for they possess not only the antiseptic and resolvent properties of pineapple, but also the laxative and tonic properties of butternut. They improve digestion, assimilation and nutrition, and stimulate a torpid liver or a sluggish condition of the bowels. Physicians use and recommend. They form no habit. You should always keep them on hand. These little Vegetable Pills will ward of many ills.

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LOST AND FOUND

POCKETBOOK LOST containing sum of money at opera house or post office. Reward at Adams Hardware store, Middlesex st.

BUNDLE OF GIFTS found by a boy. Owner can have by calling at 367 Central st., room 13, after 6 p. m.

POCKETBOOK LOST containing a sum of money and some papers of no value to anyone but owner. The finder will be rewarded by returning to Sun Office or 13 Appleton st.

SUM OF MONEY found near Davis square. Owner can have by proving property and paying for this adv. Apply at 36 Butler ave., evenings.

SUM OF MONEY lost between O'Keeffe's and Saunders' market, Wed. evening. Reward if returned to 121 Blossom st., city.

RED COVERED ORDER BOOK lost near the corner of Merrimack and Cabot sts. The book contains orders for T. Noonan Co., Boston, Mass., order supplies. Return to Lowell Coach Co., Middlesex st. Reward.

GRAY SQUIRREL MUFF lost Dec. 22, between Riker-Janes' drug store and Richardson street, by way of Bridge and Hildreth sts. Return to Sun Office.

BLACK LYNX MUFF lost Wednesday, between the corner of Central and Merrimack sts. and Pollard's store. Liberal reward at 12 Walker st.

BIG MOUSE COLORED DOG found. Owner can have by calling and paying expenses, at 5 Swan st., off Boston road.

BRACELET LOST with initials B. D. on it, between Moody st. and cor. Middle and Central sts., Saturday afternoon. Please return to 103 Hall st.

POCKETBOOK FOUND containing a sum of money. Owner can have same by calling at 54 Gershom ave.

SMALL HEART SHAPED GOLD LOCKET lost, with initials "M. D." on back, also chain, between Carter st. and Merrimack st., Sunday. Reward at 617 Broadway.

GRADUATION RING 1909 lost Thursday afternoon. Reward for return to 933 Central st.

FOR SALE

COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONE, silver plated horn, and 60 records, for sale. Apply 79 Hampson st., Dracut.

STOCK AND TOOLS in shop operated by the late George W. Hamblett, 20 Smith st., for sale. Apply on premises after 4 p. m. Monday, Dec. 27.

PIGEONS FOR SALE—Pure white dragon. Inquire 33 Fifth ave., after 6 p. m.

7-YEAR-OLD CHESTNUT MARE for sale, weighing 1200 lbs., fat and handsome, can road 9 to 10 miles an hour, clever for a woman or child to drive, warranted to be absolutely sound and good worker, anybody who is looking for an honest horse will make no mistake by looking at this one, price right to a party who will agree to give the animal a good home. If interested call 1075 Gorham st.

PARLOR STOVE for sale, in good condition, used but little. Inquire 102 Bourne st.

ONE GOOD BAKER WAGON for sale; also one No. 1 McDowell oven, in good order, all kinds of baking utensils, bowls and boxes, ice chest, ice cream freezer, Packer show cases, counter, work benches and everything that goes with the bakery business. Will sell the whole thing for $300, and let the building that is 44x24, all fitted with gas, for $6 a month. Inquire 93 Boynton st.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

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THE HIGHEST GRADE PIANOS are sold by W. F. Trumbell, 101 Westford st. A special bargain for Christmas; come today, that first to come, will be first to get it.

HORSE CLIPPING—The only power shop. 100 Willie st.

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CASH PAID for furniture, carpets, stoves and ranges. Write, call or phone. C. Welcome, 198 Broadway.

FURNITURE MOVING—Hugh McGrogan, furniture and piano mover, also dealer in wood and coal. Office 359 Broadway. Telephone 747; residence 53 Chestnut st.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

MISCELLANEOUS

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5-ROOM TENEMENT to let on Central st., near opera house. Apply to Henry Miller & Son, Wyman's Exchange.

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6-ROOM TENEMENT to let on West Fourth st., near Bridge st. Apply to Henry Miller & Son, Wyman's Exchange.

UP-TO-DATE 5-ROOM FLAT to let, set tubs, range, curtains etc., near depot, rent reasonable. Apply J. A. Brien, 142 Chelmsford st.

I HAVE A TENEMENT of 4 large rooms to let, at 14 Maple st. Apply Jos. Flynn, 50 Elm st.

FURNISHED ROOMS to let, steam heat, gas, bath; also table board. Apply 259 Gorham st.

TWO TENEMENTS to let on Stackpole st. Inquire 25 Adams st.

7-ROOM TENEMENT and bath, to let, in first class repair, at 232 Appleton st. 4-room tenement, at 361 Lawrence st., rent $1.50 per week. 4-room tenement, rent $1.65 per week, at 341 Lakeview ave., to let. Inquire at 1128 Bridge st.

THREE TENEMENTS to let in new block, all modern improvements. For further particulars inquire at Maguire's grocery store, cor. Salem and Common sts.

6-ROOM TENEMENT to let, 8 Clark's court, off Lawrence st. Rent $8.

6-ROOM TENEMENT to let in Pawtucketville, bath, gas, hot water, open plumbing, sewer connection. Apply 89 Varnum ave., or tel. 1019-1.

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25 TO 30 CANS OF MILK wanted per day. Inquire 473 Market st.

PAPER NOVELS and bound books wanted. Merritt's Book Store, 277 Middlesex st.

ALL PERSONS WANTED to buy their coal, coke, mill kindling, slab, hard wood and dry maple for fireplace. W. T. Griffin's, 187 Appleton st. Tel. 663.

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I PAY THE HIGHEST PRICE in cash for any kind of second hand furniture. Call or send postal. W. Fox, 636 Middlesex st.

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MYSTERIOUS AIRSHIP

In Nightly Flight Startles Many New England Cities

WORCESTER, Dec. 24.—That part of Worcester that did not see the "airship" high up above the clouds Wednesday evening saw it last night between 6 and 7.30 o'clock. So there should be no disappointed ones within the city or in the surrounding country, either, for the brilliant object at an excessive altitude remained around for observation long enough.

Just as reported Wednesday evening, it came from out of the dull, black east, or perhaps the southeast, last evening. It sped over the city but far aloft, so far aloft that it traversed a celestial track behind the clouds at times, and then "the searchlight" by which the reckless nocturnal aviator was finding his way was obscured.

He was a playful aeronaut, this manipulator of the mysterious device which had conquered when others had failed. At times he turned his headlight full on until it looked like the powerful lamp of a motor car. The rays "cut the dusky pall of night," as the policeman on the corner said, as the human agent diverted the lamp from one direction to another.

Shafts of Light

The shafts of light shone down on streets, illuminated the waving flags upon the tall department store on Main street, made the polished window panes of the office buildings alive with a wierd, uncanny flame. The keen rays danced across the sky and "ever and anon," as the porter in a restaurant said, "ever and anon" they accomplished circles.

The young woman who sits up late serving doughnuts and coffee in the modest lunchroom was enthralled. Never in her life, said she—and she has lived some time, and most successfully—had she seen so entrancing a demonstration of the ingenuity of man in "rivaling the glorious orbs of night themselves."

So it went through the city from about 6 o'clock. Worcester was watching last evening for the ocular proof of the existence of Wallace E. Tillinghast's wonderful monoplane that can be raised to an altitude of 4000 feet and be hove to for repairs. Worcester would not let it escape last evening.

Many Scan the Heavens

People forgot their suppers in the keen contest for the honor of being the first to hail the appearance of the air machine which had been accredited to Mr. Tillinghast, although he was not seeking such generous acknowledgment of his efforts in emulation of the Wright brothers. They sat on their doorsteps and craned their necks as they scanned the heavens.

In the main thoroughfares people with bundles stood agape, and as they gazed skyward they forgot to board the street cars for which they had been waiting. Everywhere vertebrae were in danger of dislocation.

Finally the presence of the monarch of the heavenly heights was heralded from the northwest section of the city. The wise men there saw it first. Like a fire balloon, as large as a milk pail, it loomed up against the sky.

The standard of the lamp must have had a reflector, for it was turned to the east, west, north and south at various moments, and it shone with equal strength in every direction. The men in the quarters of chemical 3 rushed to the street and were lost in wonder.

Men and women poured from the clubrooms and women rushed from the houses to view this phenomenon. The streets were thronged.

Country Towns Report It

From there the news spread to all quarters of the city. Motormen stopped the street cars to take a long look at the wonderful light that must be controlled by human hand, said they. The street car men were sure the reflector was a more powerful one than the magnifying lamp carried on her forward dashboard. It was equal to the concentrated power of a dozen street car headlights, they exclaimed in admiration.

Wednesday night's sensation was nothing like that of last night. And everybody in the neighboring cities wanted to notify Worcester that the "air ship" was abroad. Worcester, the supposed home of the audacious aviator, was warned from a score of sources to keep its eye on the bold aviator, who was playing with the people this way, throwing the shafts of his "searchlight" in their eyes and parading his supremacy over all terrestrial agencies.

Marlboro sent a hasty dispatch by wire that the ship had just left and was sailing toward Worcester. Look out!

Westboro said the air ship had just passed with a monster light right amidships. So high in the air was it, however, that it was impossible to discern the outline of the mammoth aeroplane, even with the strongest telescopes and field glasses.

Indicated by Telephone

Leominster had it "cutting athwart the azure sky," and Fitchburg, not less rhetorical, reported the monster lamp throwing its "clear, blinding yellow rays across the dome of inky blackness."

Then Maynard: "Like a pellucid stream the waves of light broke through, over, beyond, under and up against the filmy splotches white, a dazzling play in cloudland."

It seemed as if anybody in and outside of Worcester who had a telephone or could reach one, was calling up somebody or other to apprise him of the great exploit of the mysterious one who as a navigator of the unknown regions above was exceeding even the most fanciful dreamers in the realism of his accomplishment, just as if Worcester did not know she was the home of an airship that was outdoing all that anyone ever believed would ever be imagined of such a vessel.

Moynihan Alone Fails

Now there was one man in Worcester Wednesday who ought to know all about that airship. High up in the tower of the fire headquarters wherein is located the fire alarm telegraph office, the operator on duty could "view the landscape o'er" in any and every direction with but successive turns of his head. He ought to know about this ship.

So the people that remembered this man in his eyrie rang him up by telephone. It happened that the first one to think of it was a fireman attached to chemical 3. He called and the alert Frank Moynihan, the night fire alarm operator, responded.

"Have you seen the airship, Frank?" asked the fireman.

"No," said Mr. Moynihan, "where is it?"

"Over to the southwest, going toward Springfield, and going like blue blazes."

Frank took a peek out of the window and, of course, he saw it. Then he went back to the telephone.

"I've seen it," said he. "Great, isn't it? It's Venus, you know; Venus, the planet. Have another look. It's great! Good night."

Firemen Say Its Venus

As Mr. Moynihan turned from the telephone to take another look at the brilliant Venus, then rapidly disappearing, he gazed down across the street, and into the building where Wallace E. Tillinghast has his office and drafting room, and there was Mr. Tillinghast hard at work over the drafting board in his office.

Mr. Tillinghast was not talking about his airship yesterday. He would not see anybody, not even an expert who came from New York to go over the details of his monoplane with him. He did not care if the eminent authority on aeronautics had journeyed from the gold fields of Alaska to see him. He was talking steam fitting yesterday, was his message, for that is his business.

"By and by, when I get ready, I will tell about my monoplane," said he. "I can carry three or four persons at 120 miles an hour and do all I have claimed for it."

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Every woman should fortify herself against those weaknesses and derangements which are usually present at times when Nature makes extra demands upon the system.

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son, along with Mr. Mathis, who was driving the machine on the highway between New York and this city.

The men stepped in front of the car just outside New Grana, about 10 miles from this city. Mathis saw them, and when he paid no attention saw one of the men raise a shotgun to his shoulder. Other members of the party besides Mrs. Mathis saw the threatening motion and dodged just as the supposed robber pulled the trigger.

The car was rushed to this city where surgeons removed the shot from Mrs. Mathis' face, and the detectives are searching for the men.

COACH STAGG

Speaks on the Football Rules

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Coach A. A. Stagg yesterday applied the knife to the forward pass in the cause of sane football. The university of Chicago mentor operated on the forward pass rules with a view of lessening the annual toll of football deaths and injuries and will present the results to the national experts at next Tuesday's meeting of the International Athletic Association in New York.

Coach Stagg's ideas for football revision follows:

"Not to allow pulling or pushing of the man carrying the man in order to prevent mass plays and striking with the force of two or three men in a compact body.

"To remove the penalty for an uncompleted forward pass on the first and second down. Let the ball be brought back to the point from which it was thrown without penalty, to encourage open and spectacular play.

"To put a penalty on a player crawling with the ball and to enforce the penalty for dropping on a man that is on the ground.

"To protect the receiver of forward passes and on-side kicks from hard body checking.

"To legislate as far as possible for the removal of players suffering from exhaustion by urging upon coaches and trainers to remove such men and by having a rule that a man who takes out time the second time shall be put out of the game.

"To limit the halves in high school, preparatory schools, and all untrained teams to no more than 25 minutes."

ARRESTED LEADING PRAYER

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—While leading a prayer meeting of several hundred persons and singing the hymn, "There Is Sunshine In My Heart To-day," Frank Albert was arrested and yesterday confessed the larceny of a $50 gold watch from the home of a woman at whose kitchen door he begged for food a few months ago.

From a tramp, Albert said he had become a missionary and for several weeks had been leading prayer meetings.

WOMAN AUTOIST

Was Shot by Robbers at Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec 24.—Men armed with shotguns attempted to hold up an automobile filled with Atlantic City people near New Grana and then fired a load of small shot which wounded Mrs. William E. Mathis. A score of shots entered Mrs. Mathis' face, but she is not dangerously wounded, although suffering severely from the shock of the attack.

Mrs. Mathis was in a touring car with Mrs. Thomas C. Tompkins and her

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SHERMAN LAW

Invoked Against Periodical Clearing House

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 24.—United States District Attorney Day yesterday called the attention of the department of justice to the periodical clearing house of New York to ascertain if it is violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

The clearing house is located at 156 Fifth avenue, New York. F. C. J. Tessare is the general manager.

The clearing house has had as members twenty-six popular publications, including Leslie's Weekly, Cosmopolitan, Everybody's, American, McClure's, Hampton's, Harper's Bazar, Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Review of Reviews, Current Literature, Scribner's, Good Housekeeping, Country Life, Judge Quarterly, Judge Library, Judge's Short Stories, Delineator, Designer, Motor and Garden, World's Work, Woman's Home Companion and Suburban Life.

W. H. Brett, public librarian, recently wrote to the Franklin Square Agency of New York for figures on $4500 worth of magazines for the Cleveland libraries for 1910. Brett asked for discount on account of the large size of the orders.

The Franklin Square Agency wrote back that no discount would be given and that the clearing house would prevent him from buying them anywhere at a lower price.

Brett then investigated the clearing house and it is alleged found circulars in which it is said business would be refused from any agent who cut prices. He says also that he discovered an agreement whereby agents promise to submit to a fine in case they sell under clearing house figures. Brett placed his evidence before United States District Attorney Day.

All new tunes, Prescott, Xmas.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Weather Will be Varied Over Country

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Christmas day weather will be varied, the country over. In the northwest there will be snow and nipping cold although there will be no extreme temperature. From the Mississippi river to the Rocky mountains snow will fall in the north and in the central portion there will be a combination of snow and rain that will quickly turn to slush.

In the south rains will dampen the Christmas enthusiasm. The same rains will probably sweep over the upper lake region, the Ohio valley and the east gulf states on Christmas.

In the Atlantic states the day will be cloudy but it is believed there will be no precipitation. The Pacific slope, according to the long distance view of the weather bureau, will be practically the only section of the country that will enjoy fair weather.

Kittredge's, Associate hall, tonight.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

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Final Windup

Of the Great Christmas Business

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We Desire to Thank Our Patrons

FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AT OUR STORE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, AND

Wish Them All a Most Merry Christmas

EIGHT MEN DEAD

400 Others Had Narrow Escapes in An Explosion

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Eight men were killed and 400 others had narrow escapes in an explosion of gas in mine "A" of the Chicago & Cartersville Coal Co. at Herrin, Ill., late yesterday.

Open lamps, carried by employes, are believed to have caused the disaster. There were three men and a boy in this party and all are dead.

Within five minutes of the first explosion the miners in the vicinity were started toward the surface and on the return trips of the cages rescuers were lowered to where the catastrophe occurred.

The dead include:

W. T. PIERCE, mine engineer.

EUGENE BARRETT, assistant engineer.

THOMAS WILLIAMS, assistant manager.

James Guinney, superintendent of the mine, and Robert Hueston, manager, headed the first relay of rescuers. Despite the black damp which followed into the chambers adjoining those in which Pierce and his party were killed, these men went into the workings and recovered bodies of three miners.

The efforts to penetrate more deeply were repulsed by increasing banks of afterdamp and the rescuing party was forced to retreat, leaving the bodies of Pierce and several of his companions.

Fire also began to gain headway and it is expected that the bodies will be recovered today.

News of the disaster spread through Herrin and there was a rush of hysterical women and crying children to the shaft house.

Big hits from Elsie Janis and The Young Turk, Prescott, Xmas.

Kittredge's, Associate hall, tonight.

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A simple clean remedy that can be used in the home is what every person desires who is suffering from eczema. You can now have that remedy and get instant relief, and be cured permanently by ZEMO, a clean, vegetable liquid for external use. ZEMO cures skin diseases by drawing the germs and their poisons, that cause the disease, to the surface of the skin and destroying them, leaving the skin clean and healthy. A. W. Dows & Co., the druggists, will give you a booklet and a sample bottle of ZEMO and will explain to you how a great many cases of eczema and other forms of skin diseases have been cured by this simple home treatment. For sale by A. W. Dows & Co., leading druggists.

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Remember that Red Cross Stamps are good on all bundles whether they go through the mail or not.

There Are Gift Things Here For Everybody

THE UNITED STATES

Gives Encouragement to Revolutionists in Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—After a peremptory warning to President Madriz that the United States will hold him personally responsible for the safety of Americans in the western part of Nicaragua, the state department last night gave more than moral encouragement to the revolutionists. Under orders from Secretary Knox, American red cross funds are to be expended in caring for the sick and wounded troops of both the Estrada and Zelayan armies, more than 2000 of whom are incapacitated in Bluefields.

This action by the United States is expected to be more efficacious than the despatch of a strong force. "Bread, instead of bullets," is the watchword of the state department and it is generally believed that the prospects of food and medical attention will win over more men from the government ranks than any other plan that could be adopted.

According to the latest reports, the medical corps of the various war vessels now at Bluefields has installed hospitals ashore, where scores are being cared for. The procession of sick and wounded men through the town is said to be pitiful, and although Estrada is doing everything in his power to relieve the suffering, his resources are meagre.

With a view to relieving the situation, Secretary Knox consulted with the American red cross last night, and immediately afterward dispatched the following to Thomas H. Moffett, United States consul at Bluefields:

"The American national red cross will telegraph you tomorrow, the 24th, five thousand dollars, and they will send another five thousand if needed. Navy department has instructed Capt. Shipley to land whatever supplies can be furnished from our ships now at Bluefields and orders will be given the Prairie, now at Colon, to transport immediately to Bluefields from the stores intended for the marines, or from the Panama canal commission department such supplies as you may ask for within the limit of five thousand dollars to be cabled you tomorrow. You will cooperate with Shipley in the distribution of supplies, payment for all of which, both those landed from ships at Bluefields and those sent from Colon will be recouped from red cross fund."

This telegram followed closely the receipt of a report from Consul Moffett depicting the state of affairs in Bluefields. His account of the suffering of the defeated Zelayan soldiers was brief but graphic. Incidentally, he reported that more than 300 men were killed on both sides in the recent battle at Rama. The dispatch follows:

"Two thousand starved, emaciated prisoners have been brought here from Zelaya's surrendered army. The sight of the sick and weary, tottering through the streets is horrible; half are mere boys. The emergency hospital established by the Des Moines and Tacoma contains ninety wounded, the city hospital sixty. Few of the surrendered army had shoes or blankets. Scores were almost naked, all are in a pitiable condition. Estrada is furnishing them with blankets, clothing, shoes and food as best he can. Flour, beans, rice, sugar, coffee and condensed milk are needed instantly to feed the starving Zelayan soldiers. Disease and death threatens unless they are properly given best of food and care.

"The great and sudden demand for proper clothing and food for the suffering is a problem for the provisional government whose resources are exhausted, their own men, numbering 3000 are well fed and clothed, but they cannot find means whereby to care for their increased burden.

"I have discussed the seriousness of the situation fully with Captain Shipley of the Des Moines and believe, and suggest that a ship should be sent to Colon immediately to bring here sufficient quantities of the provisions enumerated to feed 2000 men for thirty days. Present situation threatens starvation and disease. It is estimated now that over 900 were killed on both sides."

Orders were issued last night to the Prairie to be in readiness to sail at once from Colon with supplies. Up to a late hour no plans had been made for the landing of marines, although it is expected that a small shore guard may be utilized to mount watch over the American hospitals. This will not be done, however, unless the American naval commanders on the scene believe it necessary to preserve discipline in the vicinity of the hospitals and to safeguard the distribution of food and supplies when they come.

Coughing—No matter how bad the cough; Lung Kuro can quickly cure it.

PHOENIX CLUB

HELD SECOND ANNUAL PARTY LAST EVENING

The Phoenix club held its second annual party in Prescott hall last evening with an attendance of about 300 young people. Kittredge's orchestra furnished music and preceded the dancing with a delightful concert program. A dainty souvenir dance order was given each guest. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight. The officers of the party were as follows:

General manager, William Connors; assistant general manager, Joseph Powers; floor director, Bernard Connors; assistant floor director, John Burgoyne; chief aid, Frank Murphy; treasurer, William F. Fox; aids, John Brally, Gus Moody, Frank Bamford, James McGuire, Fred Campbell, Hugh McNulty, Andrew Dwyer, Charles Sweeney, Harry Trickett, William Ferguson, Thomas Higgins, John Doolin, James McKinnon, Emma Clemont, Alice Clemont, Marietta Mooney, Alice Kelly, Grace Crawford, Evereida Webster, Bertha Trickett, Alice Kaler, Margaret Sheonan, Alice Donohoe, Kitty Loughlin, Nora Coughlin, Kittie Lynch, Mary Doherty, Bertha Clemont, Nora Boyle, Marion Fitzpatrick.

Every dance a hit, Prescott, Xmas.

SONG OF "DIXIE"

IS SAID TO BE THE MOST POPULAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—"Dixie" has finally been officially proclaimed as first in American songs and music in "patriotic popularity." Such is the verdict of O. G. T. Sonneck, chief of the division of music of the library of congress, who has just issued an exhaustive report on four famous American musical compositions.

"Yankee Doodle," he said, though no longer a national song, is still a national air and second only to "Dixie" in the popularity contest.

The origin and evolution of "Yankee Doodle," "Star Spangled Banner," "Hail Columbia" and "America," are treated in full detail in Mr. Sonneck's volume.

The history of "Yankee Doodle" is described as "a perfect maze of conflicting stories," and countless additions to and variations from the original.

As many as 14 variations of the "Star Spangled Banner" are noted, accompanied by a gradual process of polishing and modification.

The year in which "America" was first sung in public is given as 1832, but the exact place and date were not definitely ascertained.

"Hail Columbia" is strictly a product of the United States in both words and music, in contradistinction to "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner," both of which partly originated in England.

Mothers find Perry Davis' Painkiller invaluable in the nursery, and it should be kept at hand in case of accident. For pain in the breast take a little Painkiller in sweetened milk and water, bathing the breast in it clear at the same time. If the milk passages are clogged, from cold, or other causes, bathing in the Painkiller will give immediate relief. Ask for New 25c Bottle.

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ORDER OF OWLS

The second meeting of Lowell Nest of Owls will be held next Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, in Odd Fellows temple, 84 Middlesex street, at 2 o'clock sharp. The degree team will exemplify the work, a large class of candidates will be obligated. All who desire to go on the charter list must have their applications in at this meeting. The organizer will be at the temple from 11 to 2 o'clock for the purpose of receiving applications. A large delegation of visiting owls is expected from out of the city.

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"A few months afterwards I saw an advertisement in a newspaper of the Cuticura Remedies. I at once sent off for some Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Resolvent Pills, but thinking they would be no better than the other remedies. But to my surprise after the first order was used the scales disappeared and the itching ceased and after using another order of the Cuticura Remedies I was completely cured, after suffering for nearly two years. I shall be glad to write to any one who may be interested in my cure. Carl Haldeman, Marshall, Wis., October 25, 1908."

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THE "INS" AND "OUTS" AT XMAS

A STORY TOLD BY THE CAMERA

This picture reflects a mingled story of joy and sadness on Christmas day, as faithful a tale of the "ins" and "outs" or "ups" and "downs" of juvenile life as the camera can tell. On one hand is a group of happy tots reveling in the lavish gifts of Santa Claus on Christmas morning. The fickle old fellow evidently has shown some partiality here, and if the three little girls who are standing gazing furtively into the toyshop window could catch a glimpse of the other scene they might wonder why they were forgotten in the distribution of playthings. But there are not many instances of this in our happy land. Nearly every child is remembered in some way at Christmas, the most joyous time of all the year the world around.

"STONEWALL" KELLEY

The Well Known Dracut Farmer Fatally Injured

Struck On Head by Heavy Timber While at Work on His Farm—He Was 81 Years of Age and a Most Interesting Character

George G. Kelley, one of Dracut's oldest and best known residents, familiarly called "Stonewall" Kelley, died last evening at the residence of his cousin, J. T. Green, 16 Fifth street, Lowell, as the result of injuries received while at work on his farm in Arlington road, Dracut, yesterday afternoon. He was 81 years of age.

Mr. Kelley and W. G. Stewart, an employe were about to drive a load of hay out of the barn on the Kelley farm when the accident occurred. Mr. Kelley, who despite his years worked actively about the farm, opened the great swinging barn door and was about to prop it up with a heavy timber when a gust of wind wrenched both door and timber from his grasp. The door swung inward hurling the timber against Mr. Kelley's skull, and crushing it. He fell to the ground unconscious and bleeding profusely. Mr. Stewart and a young man named L. C. Stanhope picked up the unconscious man and carried him into the farmhouse. The Lowell ambulance was called and he was removed to Fifth street, where he has made his home for the past three years. Dr. William A. Johnson was called but Mr. Kelley never regained consciousness.

Mr. Kelley was an eccentric character, beloved for his eccentricities. He was born on the old farm at which he met his death 81 years ago, and was the fourth generation of his family to occupy the old homestead. In 1849 he was seized with the gold fever and went to California, where he spent the next 16 years of his life, as a prospector and miner with more than the usual profit to his fortunes. When he returned, at about the end of the Civil war, he brought with him a good sized fortune.

Since that time he has been busy spending a portion of his money in improving his old home farm. From a waste of rock and unfruitful soil, he has turned the 150 acres which comprise it into one of the most productive farms in Dracut, clear of rock, drained in the most approved manner and capable of raising the finest of crops. Much of this improvement was the work of his own hands, and the concrete results of the long years are evident in the 15 foot stone walls so common to the well known spot, whence came his nickname of "Stonewall."

For years Mr. Kelley was a familiar figure as he drove his ox team loaded with hay or other farm products through the streets of Lowell. A remembrance of him will always be connected with his team of oxen by many people.

While in the west he married a Mrs. Mossman. His wife returned with him to the east, but died about six years ago, and since then he has lived for the most part with families residing near his Dracut farm, or with his Centralville relatives. He has, however, visited his farm each day when his health permitted, one of his particular tasks being the care of the two cats which took charge of the farm in his absence.

It had been Mr. Kelley's custom to go to California almost every winter, and he had intended starting for Los Angeles and San Diego on the first of January, in company with his youthful cousin, 15-year-old Frederick Kelley of Apple street. Mr. Kelley formerly had large real estate interests in San Francisco and western states, and was a severe loser by the San Francisco earthquake. The value of his estate is not known, even by his relatives, but it is supposed to be considerable.

Mr. Kelley leaves two step-children, Mrs. Mary Leach of Exeter, N. H., and Dr. Alvaro E. Mossman of Westminster. He also has several cousins living in this city.

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"JIMMIE" CALLAHAN

POPULAR COMEDIAN MAKES FLYING TRIP HOME

James H. Callahan, Lowell's diminutive and celebrated comedian, made a flying visit to Lowell yesterday to see the folks for Christmas and he jumped away again this morning to join the show at Johnstown, N. Y. tomorrow, for Jimmie is now at the head of the "Toymakers" company playing the part created by Frank Daniels and is making a big hit. A second company is about to start on the road and it is expected that a Lowell young woman will go out with the second company. The "Toymakers" have just finished a successful tour of New England and Canada and now go west to Michigan. They have been playing to good houses all along and the press notices say all kinds of nice things about little Jimmie and his cleverness.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Th regular meeting of Spindle City circle, C. of A. was held in Post 120 hall last evening. The election of officers resulted as follows: C. C., Alice Devine; S. C. C., Mary Rourke; R. S., Elizabeth Devine; F. S. Lilla O'Neil; T., B. Dunlea; R. G., Mary Reddy; L. G., Mrs. Eva Welsh; I. G., Mrs. Marvel; O. G., Mrs. McGorvan; trustee, Mrs. Hyde; physician, Dr. P. J. Meehan.

Centralville Rebekah lodge, No. 127, held its regular meeting last evening and elected officers for the coming year. The lodge will initiate at the first meeting in January.

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8.56	9.35	2.00	3.04
b9.07	10.16	3.00	3.37
9.36	10.24	b3.51	5.02
10.45	11.40	4.00	4.37
11.38	12.20	z4.14	5.30
12.12	1.09	5.00	5.37
1.46	2.30	b5.21	6.23
2.41	3.33	5.48	6.28
3.57	4.40	b5.51	7.05
4.28	5.30	z6.14	7.30
5.20	6.15	7.30	8.05
b6.10	7.10	8.30	9.03
6.23	7.10	10.30	11.34
7.35	8.20	11.17	11.55
9.50	10.30	11.20	12.10

SUNDAY TRAINS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.49	7.30	9.00	10.00
7.22	8.05	10.00	10.36
7.55	8.35	11.30	12.07
8.48	9.49	1.00	1.57
9.20	10.15	5.00	6.02
10.30	11.33	7.30	8.08
2.25	3.19	8.30	9.08
5.10	6.00	9.00	10.02
6.28	7.10	10.14	10.52
7.36	8.20	10.20	11.35

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.46	7.55	x7.00	8.10
8.04	8.55	7.30	8.52
9.50	10.50	9.24	10.39
10.50	11.55	10.05	11.52
12.05	1.10	11.50	12.54
z1.30	2.36	2.14	3.20
3.10	4.14	3.30	4.30
4.20	5.34	4.50	5.56
5.05	6.09	6.03	7.05
7.00	8.00	6.35	7.45
9.35	10.33	9.35	10.33
		x11.25	12.21

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WESTERN DIVISION

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
8.20	9.20	6.00	8.08
12.10	1.15	12.00	1.00
3.50	5.00	2.14	3.23
5.45	7.00	3.30	4.41
8.50	10.02	5.20	6.36
		8.40	9.42

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James J. Riley, 25, operative, 26 Tyler street, and Ida I. Furgeson, 22, at home, 802 High street.

William A. Savage, 46, leather worker, 225 Walker stret, and Elizabeth W. McManus, 36, housekeeper, 647 Broadway.

John E. Graham, 21, teamster, 20 Irving stret, and Harriet Marr, 18, house girl, 882 Central stret.

IN BOILER ROOM

SLIGHT FIRE IN THE APPLETON MILLS

An alarm from box 24 shortly after noon today summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in the boiler room of the Appleton mills. An overheated boiler set fire to the woodwork in the room, but a few streams from the chemical extinguished the blaze.

NOTICE

The executive committee of the Lowell Pharmaceutical association requests the druggists of Lowell to observe the usual custom of closing from 1 to 6 p. m. Christmas day.

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The immortal "Te Deum" in English by the combined choirs and congregation at the close of the services, completes a program of rare musical excellence.

The program of the sanctuary choir is as follows:

"Holy Night" ..... Adam
"Adeste Fideles" ..... Novello
"Waken, Christian Children" old air.
"The First Noel" .....Traditional
"Morn of Gladness" .....Harris
"The Snow Lay on the Ground" old air
"Winds thro' the Olive Trees," Old English Melody
"Glory to God," ..... McCaffrey

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass at 10.30. Vespers at 7 P. M.

The regular choir of the church will be assisted by the new chancel choir of 50 boys and men, who will appear for the first time at mass and vespers.

Musical Program

Processional, "Gloria in Excelsis," Elgar

Chancel Choir

Introit—Puer Natu's est Nobis, Gregorian
Kyrie—Gloria, St. Philip Neri Mass, Sewell
Graduale—Viderunt Omnes, Gregorian
Veni Creator (1788-1847) "A Capella," Ell

Chancel Choir

Credo—St. Philip Neri Mass....Sewell
Offertory—Tui Sunt Coeli, Gregorian
Motet—Noel .....Van Reyschoot
Sanctus—St. Philip Neri Mass..Sewell
Benedictus—St. Cecilia Mass..Gounod
Agnus Dei—St. Philip Neri Mass, Sewell
Communion—Viderunt Omnes, Gregorian
Recessional—The First Noel, Traditional Melody

Chancel Choir

Vespers

Processional—Hark, What Means Those Holy Voices.....Dielman

Chancel Choir

Antiphons and Psalms of the Day, Gregorian
Motet—Adeste Fidelis.....Novello

Chancel Choir

Master Ernest Ready, soprano soloist
Master Thos. McGovern, alto soloist

Magnificat ..... Gregorian
Alma Redemptoris ..... Danzi
Benediction
O Salutaris ..... Hargitt
Tantum Ergo ..... Grison
Recessional — While the Shepherds Watched ..... Hiligie

Chancel Choir

Mrs. Mabel Ware-Murphy, Soprano; Miss Carolyn White, Organist; Mr. Thomas P. Beuiger, Baritone; Mr. James A. Murphy, Tenor and Conductor.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 O'Clock

Processional, "Angels from the Realms of Glory," Sanctuary Choir
Asperges Me ..... Gregorian

Sanctuary Choir

Introit, "Puer natus est nobis," Arr. by A. Edmonds Tozer.
Cantors, Messrs. Curry and Maguire, assisted by choir in unison.
Mass in C .....Krawtschke
Veni Creator ..... Gregorian

Sanctuary Choir

Graduale, "Viderunt omnes".....Tozer
Offertory, "Tui sunt coeli".....Tozer
Offertory, "Pastorale" ....Lambellotte
Communion, "Viderunt omnes"...Tozer
"Adeste Fidelis" .....Novello

Sanctuary Choir

Recessional, "'Twas in the Winter Cold,"

Sanctuary Choir

Solemn Vespers at 6.30 O'Clock

Processional, "See, Amid the Winter's Snow,"

Sanctuary Choir

Domine Ad .....Gregorian
Antiphons ..... Gregorian
Psalms—
"Dixit Dominus" .....Gregorian
"Confitebor" .....Gregorian
"Beatus Vir" .....Gregorian
"De Profundis" .....Gregorian
"Memento Domine David" Gregorian
Hymn, "Jesu Redemptor".....Mozart
Magnificat ..... Gregorian
"O Holy Night" .....Adolphe Adam
"Adore Te" .....Gregorian
"Tantum Ergo" .....Gregorian
"Adoremus et Laudate".....Gregorian
Recessional, "In a Lowly Manger Lying,"

Sanctuary Choir

At the evening service there will be a procession of children to the crib, singing Christmas carols.

The entire musical program will be given by the sanctuary choir of 70 voices, assisted by the church choir of 40 voices. Mrs. Adelaide Muldoon, organist and directress.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass 10.30 O'Clock

The choir will render Gounod's Mass of the Sacred Heart, with orchestral accompaniment.

The organist will prelude on the following selections, and will also play one of his own organ compositions.

Praeludium e Fuga," on B. A. C. H. (in B flat major) .....J. S. Bach
"Christmas Musette" (in G major), Alp. Mailly
Suite Gothique, (opus 25), Leon Boellmam
(a) Entree, Chorale (C Minor).
(b) Menuet Gothique (in C major).
(c) Prayer to the Virgin (A flat major.)
(d) Toccata. Final (C Minor)
"Fantasia" (in D Minor)..J. A. Bernard
(a) Grand Chorus (Maestro)
(b) Prayer (Andante Religioso.)
(c) Final (Allegro-Moderato.)

Processional.
"Second Regiment March" (in F Major) ..... Reeves

Organ and Orchestra.

Introit, "Puer Natus Est"...Gregorian
Kyrie ..... Gounod
Gloria ..... Gounod
Graduale "Salve Regina," solo...Giorz
Mr. J. Wilfred Paradis, Jr.
Sermon.
Rev. Fr. Baron, O. M. I.
Credo ..... Gounod
Offertory, "Pastores" (double quartet), Buehler

Soprano, Mrs. J. Fredette, Miss A. Montmarquet; alto, Misses Y. Montmarquet, G. Boisvert; tenor, Messrs. Weilbrenner, E. Montmarquet; bass, W. Paradis, D. Parthenais.

Sanctus ..... Gounod
Agnus Dei ..... Gounod
Communion, "Adeste Fideles"..Novello
Solo, Mr. F. Gourdeau.
Sortie, "Coronation March" (in E Flat Major) .....Meyerbeer

Organ and Orchestra.

Solemn Vespers at 6.30 O'Clock

Before vespers the organist will prelude on the following selections:
"Allegro-Essal" (D Minor). Alex Guilmant
(Final from the first sonata.)
"Rhapsody on Christmas Themes" (C Minor) .....Eug. Gigout
"Invocation (C Major) ....Alp. Mailly
"Offertory on an Ancient Christmas Carol" (F Major) .....J. Grison

Processional.

March, "The Aviator" (in C Major). J. M. Fulton

Organ and Orchestra.

The members of the choir will sing the psalms of vespers on irregular tones.

Magnificat ..... Mozart
(From "Gloria" of his twelfth mass.)
Alma Redemptoris .....Wiegand

Duet and Chorus.

O Salutaris, solo, ...Dubois
Miss Irene Parthenais.
Adeste Fideles .....Novello
Ave Maria, solo, ...Wiegand
Mr. J. W. Paradis, Jr.
Tantum Ergo .....Gluck

Chorus.

Laudate Dominum .....Gregorian
Sortie, "Prince Henry" March (in D Major) ..... Ellenberg

Organ and Orchestra.

Director of Gregorian Chant, Mr. Frank Gourdeau; musical director, Mr. Joseph Fredette; orchestra, Mr. Emile Lavigueur; organist, Mr. Joseph. A. Bernard.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 O'Clock

Prelude, Organ ..... Clarke
Asperges Me .....Feisel

Sanctuary Choir,

Processional, Organ .....Guilmant
Introit, Puer Natus est Nobis....Tozer
Festival Mass .....Emerson
Graduale ..... Tozer
Veni Creator ..... Haydn

Sanctuary Choir

Offertory, Nato Nobis Salvatore. D. Van Reyschoot
Communion, Gregorian .....Tozer
Adeste Fidelis.

Sanctuary Choir

Vespers

Benediction
O Salutaris, bass solo .....Weigand
Tantum Ergo .....G. Capocci
Laudate Dominum ..... Gregorian
Postlude ..... Whiting
Soloists—Sopranos, Mrs. Harriet Sheehan, Annie M. Wilkins, Mabel Perry; altos, Mary Vice, Olive Domas; tenors Peter A. Clune, M. Sousa, A. Haley; basses, James A. Haley, Chas. Bettencourt; organist and directress, Lulu Ginty.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

On Christmas morning, at St. Mary's church, Collinsville, masses will be at 8.30, 9.30 and 10.30. The children's choir, under the direction of Miss Susie Fenlon, will sing the Christmas carols at the early masses. At 10.30 high mass will be sung by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Walsh. The choir at this mass is composed of the following young ladies: Misses Margaret Kennedy, Mary Burke, Winnie Carrick, May Riley, Alice Kennedy, Annie Harrington and Sarah Silk. Miss Susie Fenlon is the organist and Miss Katherine Burke, the violinist. Wuerth's mass in C will be rendered. At the offertory, Ave Verum will be sung by Miss Harriet Moran.

ST. LOUIS' CHURCH

High Mass

Prelude,

Orchestra

Introit, "Puer natus est nobis," Gregorian
Kyrie .....Missa Deo Infanti
Gloria .....Missa Deo Infanti
Credo ..... Millard
Sanctus ..... Missa Deo Infanti
Agnus .....Missa Deo Infanti
Offertory, "Pastorale" .....Lambillotte

Choir and Orchestra

Elevation, "Adeste Fideles," Lambillotte

Choir and Orchestra

Finale,

Orchestra

Vespers

Deus in adjutorium ..... Stearns
Dixit ..... Stearns
Confitebor ..... Stearns
Beatus ..... Stearns
Laudate Pueri ..... Stearns
Laudate Dominum ..... Stearns
Jesu Redemptor ..... Gregorian
Magnificat ..... Stearns
Alma Redemptoris ..... Lambillotte

Benediction

Adeste Fidelis ..... Lambillotte
Ave Maria ..... Millard
Tantum Ergo ..... Panneton
Laudate ..... Stearns

Soloists—Misses Alice Pratte, Eva Moisan, Yvonne Moisan, Eugenie Huot, Mary Hebert, Mrs. O. J. David; choirmaster, Olier J. David; organist, Miss Ida Mongrain.

NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES

Morning 10.30.

Kyrie ..... Mozart 7th

Soli.

Irene Parthenais, Lea Racicot William Gaudette, George H. Perrault
Gloria ..... Mozart 7th
Credo ..... Mozart 7th

Soli.

Blanche Manel, Emilienne Manel, Louis Masson, Geo. H. Perreault
Offertory.
Adeste Fideles .....P. Novello

Soli

I. Parthenais, Lea Racicot, Ed. Gaudette, Geo. H. Perreault
Sanctus ..... Mozart 7th
Agnus ..... Mozart 7th

Soli

I. Parthenais, Lea Racicot, William Gaudette, Geo. H. Perreault

Vespers 6.30

Psalms ..... Gregorian
Antiphons, etc..... Gregorian
Benediction.
Ave Verum ..... Alex Guilmant

Chorus

Tantum Ergo ..... Rossini

Trio

Irene Parthenais, Louis Masson and G. H. Perreault
Miss Alma Alexander, organist; H. A. Racicot, director

FIRST TRINITARIAN

The Christmas Festival at the First Trinitarian Congregational church, Dutton street, on Saturday at 6 o'clock, promises to be very attractive. There will be a fine cantata by the children, entitled "Santa Claus and the Star Queen." There will be a new Santa Claus who is to sing some songs and delight the hearts of the children. There will be several Christmas trees, laden with gifts. The "Children of the East," have been especially invited to enjoy this Christmas service with the "Children of the West." It is expected that the children themselves will bring bountiful gifts for the poor and needy in the city.

There will be a musical program of special merit by theChildren's choir and chorus on Sunday morning, who will sing, after long and careful training under the direction of Mrs. Kenngott, many of the "Christmas Classics." The solos by Emile Hartford and Alfaretta Morris, assisted by the chorus and choir, will be inspiring. In the evening, Mr. Kenngott will give the annual illustrated lecture on "The Christmas Story," the particular topic being "The Eastern Star."

There will be a German Christmas service at 4 o'clock with the singing of German Christmas songs by the choir of the German Presbyterian church of Lawrence, whose pastor, Rev. Richard Lange, will preach. The Germans of Lowell are especially invited, though all are welcome and will enjoy the German music.

CALVARY BAPTIST

Sunday Morning 10.30.

Sermon, "The Christian's Home."
Chorus Anthem.
And the Angel Said Unto Them, (Spence)
Quartet,
"Behold I Bring you Good Tidings," (Truette)
Chorus,
"There Were Shepherds," .....Foss
Quartet,
"Home, Sweet Home."

Evening 6.30

Sunday School Concert.
Chorus Anthem,
"O, Lowly, Sacred Stable" .....Laidl
Quartet,
"Come Let Us Adore Him,".....Lacey
Chorus Anthem,
"Blessed is He that Cometh"..Berridge
Chorus and Quartet.
F. B. Hill, Organist.

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Walker Street

The Christmas midnight mass will be celebrated tonight at 11.45 o'clock. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Processional, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."
Introit, "He Shall Reign Forever, C. Simper
Graduale, "Away In a Manger."
Gloria Tibi .....Cruickshank
Gratias .....Cruickshank
Credo ..... Gilbert
Offertory, "Angels from the Realms of Glory" .....H. J. Stewart
Sursum Corda .....Merbeke
Sanctus .....Gilbert
Benedictus .....Gounod
Agnes Dei .....Gilbert
Communion hymn "O Come All ye Faithful."
Gloria in Excelsis .....Gilbert
Anthem, "The Birthday of a King."
Recessional, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

The soloists are Miss Susan Griffin, Mr. James A. Renwick, Mr. Frank Sladen and Mr. Henry G. Hardy. Harold Stewart, organist.

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